

## Rat's tail fescue: Seed collection for future studies

If you would like to help us with future studies on *Vulpia myuros* (rat's tail fescue), we would appreciate mature seed samples to be collected and posted to the address below.

Please follow the seed collection protocol, the better the seed sample, the better the germination. These seed samples will be used in future project work and experiments, but we cannot guarantee that all samples sent in will be used. Any information gained from the samples sent in will be relayed back to the sender.

Protocol for collection of a good quality *Vulpia* seed sample:

- Seeds should be collected when they are fully mature and about 20% of the seed has already shed, which happens normally mid-July. If seeds are collected too early this can lead to poor germination.
- Do not collect whole heads or plants.
- For seed collection, gently rub the seeds heads into a large bag or tray.
- Ensure that a representative sample is obtained by collecting seed from numerous plants in multiple locations within the field, unless the patch of *Vulpia* is small and distinct.
- After collection, air dry the seed for 1 - 2 days in a container.
- For posting:
  - place the seed in a paper envelope (do not use plastic)
  - fill in and cut the slip below, place it in the envelope
  - and post to the following address:

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In case of questions: [Richard.Hull@rothamsted.ac.uk](mailto:Richard.Hull@rothamsted.ac.uk)

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### Rat's tail fescue seed collection

Farm location:

Collection date:

Current crop in the field:

From which zone of the field are the seeds being collected: