



Information Sheet for Participation in a Research Study

Principal Investigator: Dr. Jordan Metzgar

IRB# and Title of Study: #21-302; Harvest sustainability and practices of two Southern Appalachian medicinal species (*Sanguinaria canadensis* and *Trillium erectum*)

Sponsor: N/A

You are invited to participate in a research study. This form includes information about the study and contact information if you have any questions.

“I am an undergraduate student at Virginia Tech, and I am conducting this research as part of my course work.”

➤ WHAT SHOULD I KNOW?

If you decide to participate in this study, you will complete a survey. *As part of the study, you will answer a series of questions regarding Sanguinaria canadensis and Trillium erectum via Qualtrics (a web-based survey tool). The questions will ask your knowledge and/or uses of either species. No identifying information will be collected or published. The information collected will be used to how these plants are harvested, better understand if these plants will become more or less abundant in the southern Appalachians, and understand their cultural importance.*

The study should take approximately 15-20 minutes of your time.

We do not anticipate any risks from completing this study.

You can choose whether to be in this study or not. If you volunteer to be in this study, you may withdraw at any time without consequences of any kind. You may also refuse to answer any questions you don't want to answer and remain in the study. The investigator may withdraw you from this research if circumstances arise which warrant doing so.

➤ **CONFIDENTIALITY**

We will do our best to protect the confidentiality of the information we gather from you, but we cannot guarantee 100% confidentiality.

Your responses are anonymous, so no one can associate your answers back to you. Please do not include your name or other identifying information in your responses that can identify you.

➤ **WHO CAN I TALK TO?**

If you have any questions or concerns about the research, please feel free to contact Jordan Metzgar (metzgar@vt.edu; 540-231-6768) or Caroline Bradford (cebrad21@vt.edu). You are not waiving any legal claims, rights or remedies because of your participation in this research study. If you have questions regarding your rights as a research participant, contact the Virginia Tech HRPP Office at 540-231-3732 (irb@vt.edu).

Please print out a copy of this information sheet for your records.

If you would like to participate in this survey, click yes to begin or no to exit.

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