

Working Collaboratively For A Healthy Verde River



2017 Accomplishments Verde Native Seed Coop



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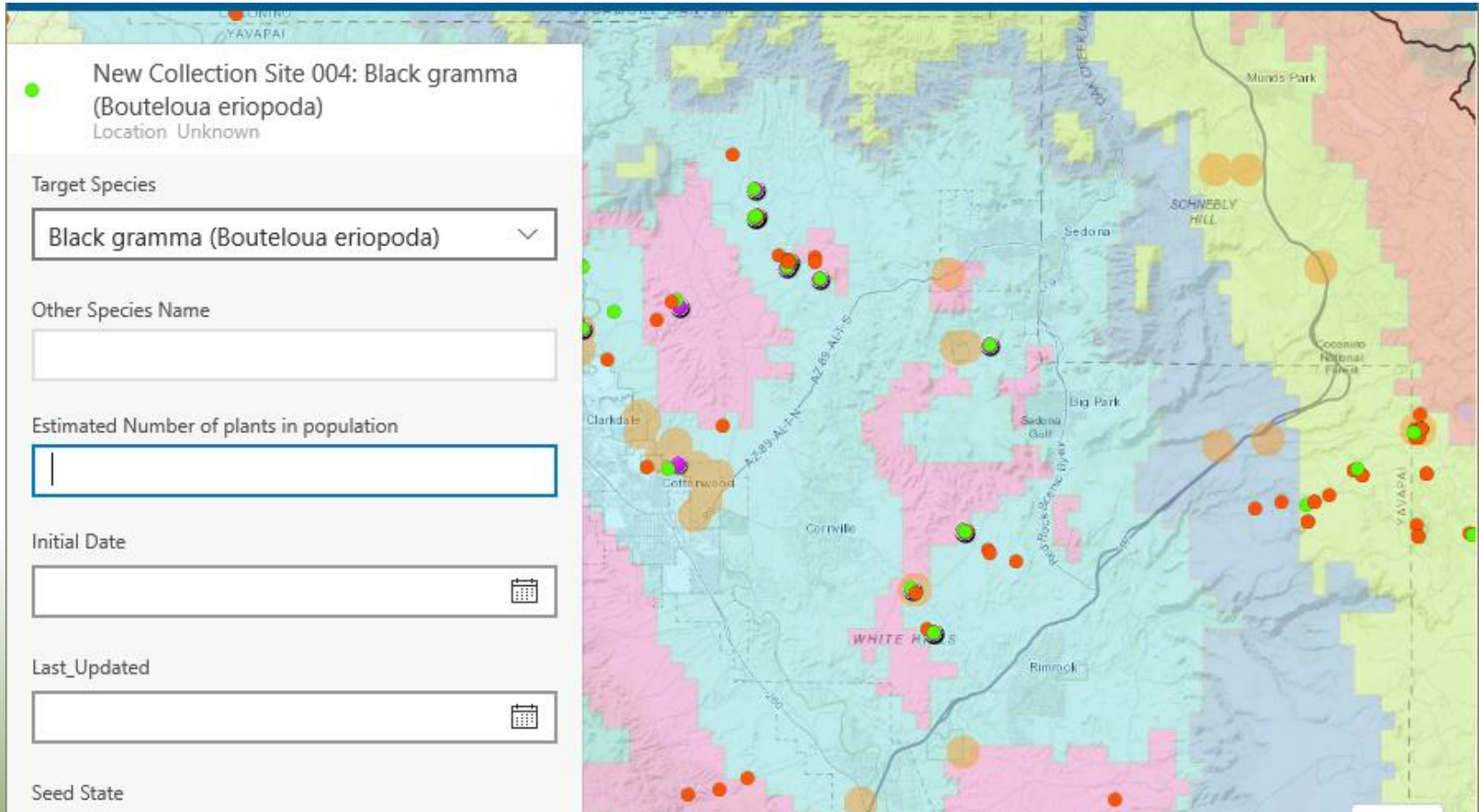


Native Seed Collection



Made 67 collections of 27 high priority native plant species for SOS, CPNPP NFWF, and SWSP

Mapping with ArcGIS Collector



The screenshot displays the ArcGIS Collector application. On the left is a data entry form, and on the right is a map of the Verde River region. The map shows various geographical features, including the Verde River, Schnebly Hill, and several towns like Clarkdale, Cottonwood, Sedona, and Cornville. Numerous colored dots (green, orange, red, purple) are scattered across the map, representing collection sites. The form on the left is titled 'New Collection Site 004: Black gramma (Bouteloua eriopoda)' and includes fields for 'Target Species', 'Other Species Name', 'Estimated Number of plants in population', 'Initial Date', 'Last_Updated', and 'Seed State'.

New Collection Site 004: Black gramma
(*Bouteloua eriopoda*)
Location Unknown

Target Species

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Other Species Name

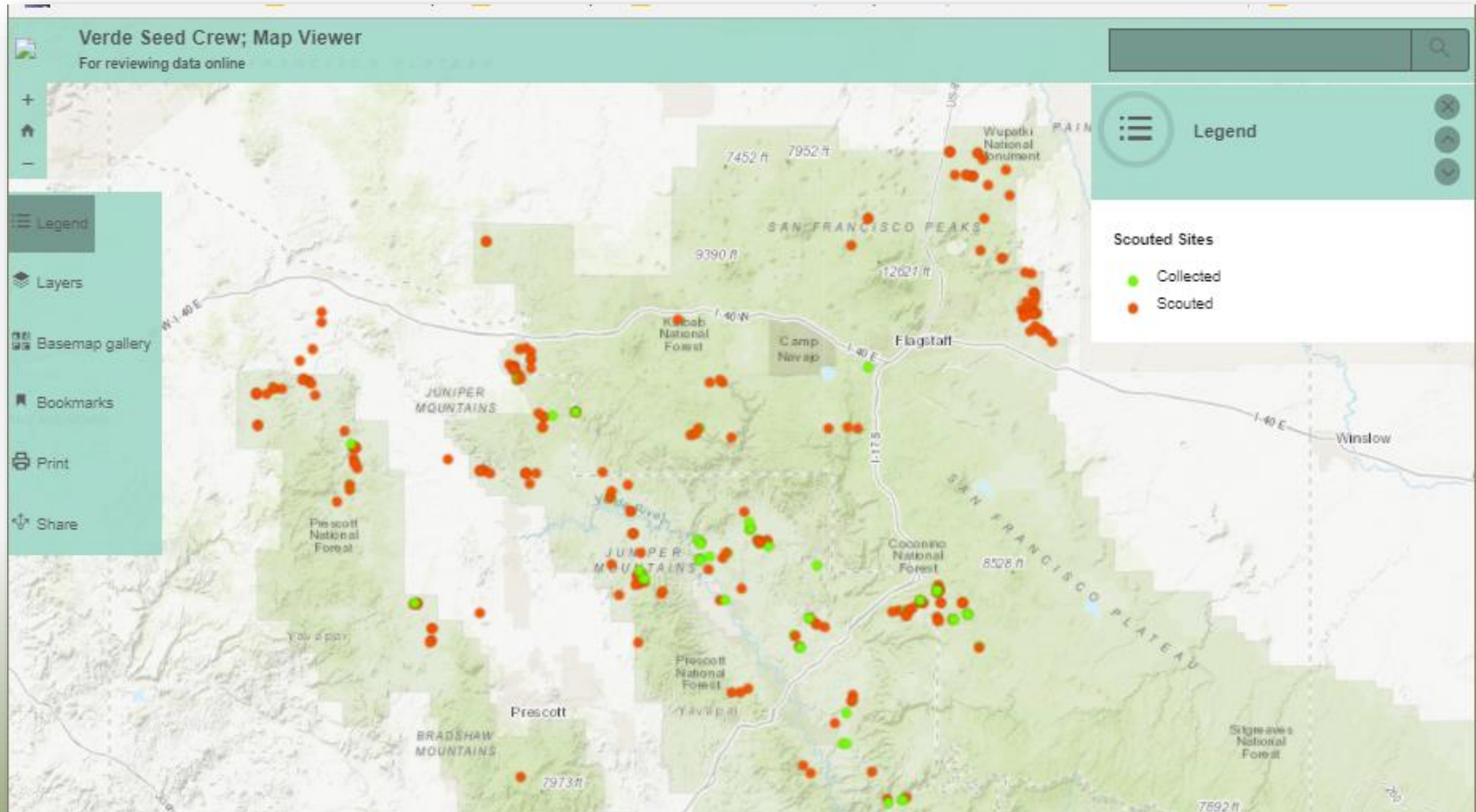
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Initial Date

Last_Updated

Seed State

Interactive Web Map



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Native Seed Production



Established one acre of seed production plants (5 species) with three new growers

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Tonto NF Seed Increase



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Volunteer Stewardship



54 volunteers contributed 384 hours to seed collecting, cleaning, pollinator habitat plantings and WEEDING!

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Native Plant Outreach



New website www.verderiver.org

Challenges and Lessons

- Start small-5 acres is a lot of weeds!
- Focus efforts on fewer growers to maximize success
- Effective weed control takes a year PRIOR to planting and ongoing management
- Every field needs a dedicated farmer
- Water is critical to success
- Sustainable funding



2018 Plans

- Grow pollinator container plants for regional waystations with BLM seeds
- Cross-training on native plant materials production for growers – NM/AZ exchange
- Maintain production fields
- Volunteer seed collection



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