



## **LETTUCE Observation Form for Seed Library Grow-Outs**

Thanks so much for taking good observations – it is so helpful to know a bit about the varieties we’re protecting in the Seed Library. This allows us make good matches with future growers too!

REMINDER: lettuce for seed saving should be planted at least 20’ from any other lettuce that will be flowering at the same time.

**Variety name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Observer name & email address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location (town/province)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Basic site description** (soil type, zone etc) \_\_\_\_\_

### **DATES– please make note of these throughout the season:**

Date when you sowed the seeds \_\_\_\_\_

Date when you transplanted the seedlings (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Date when ~50% of lettuce heads were ready to harvest for eating \_\_\_\_\_

Date when the lettuce began to bolt?  
(elongated, became bitter, no longer fit to eat) \_\_\_\_\_

Date when the first flowers opened? \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) when you harvested seeds \_\_\_\_\_

### **POPULATION COUNTS – please track these throughout the season:**

**Initial Population size** How many seeds did you sow in total? (*Please plant everything we sent you!*) \_\_\_\_\_

**Germination rate** What percent of the seeds germinated? \_\_\_\_\_

**Transplanted population** How many plants did you transplant into your garden (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**Plants removed** How many plants did you remove because weak, diseased or off type? \_\_\_\_\_

**Plants died** How many plants died of other causes? \_\_\_\_\_

**Cross-Pollinating population** How many plants remained at time of flowering? \_\_\_\_\_

**Final Population** How many plants did you harvest seeds from at the end of the season? \_\_\_\_\_

***\*\*Please collect at least 1 flower cluster from every plant remaining, then mix the seeds.  
This is important to protect genetic diversity\*\****



**OBSERVATIONS:**

**What type of lettuce would you call this?**

butterhead    romaine    curled    crisphead    leafy    mixed    stem

**What colour are the leaves, generally?**

blue green    dark green    green    grey    pale green    red    yellow green

**If multi-colour, how would you describe it?** (e.g. dk green with red streaks)

**Does the lettuce have a solid or loose head?**    loose head/    solid head

**What shape are the leaves?**



**What colour are the seeds?** black    brown    grey    white    mix

**Were there any signs of disease?** Yes (incl picture or description below)    No

<b>Please rate this variety on the following characteristics on a scale from 1 (very poor) to 5 (excellent)</b>					
Uniformity (Of shape, size & colour)	1	2	3	4	5
Flavour	1	2	3	4	5
Disease resistance	1	2	3	4	5
General appeal	1	2	3	4	5
Bolt resistance	1	2	3	4	5

**Would you want to grow this variety again?**    Yes    No

**Please list any pros/cons related to growing this variety.**

Pros

Cons

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**Any other comments or things worth noting? How would you describe it overall? Anything stand out?**