

## **Biography for Jim Engel, White Oak Nursery**

Jim Engel has been propagating woody plants for over 20 years. He has operated his own nursery White Oak Nursery since 1995. During that span of time he has become an expert in propagating native trees, shrubs and woodland herbaceous plants of the northeast. His nursery specializes in growing native species and marketing these plants in a size that can be used for dense plantings to create wildlife habitat and to restore large landscapes. Jim has pioneered growing plants that readily survive transplanting under natural conditions. In recent years Jim has been promoting the use of direct seeding and other innovative techniques to restore native plant communities on a large scale. He has been active in educating the public about native plants and promoting their use in the managed and natural landscape. Jim also shares his expertise with the public through his web-site, [www.whiteoaknursery.biz](http://www.whiteoaknursery.biz), public talks and classes on propagation, back yard habitat and wildland restoration.