



VOUCHER SPECIMENS FOR THE PSU HERBARIUM (HPSU)

The Portland State University Herbarium welcomes voucher specimens from any and all individuals and agencies working in the Portland-Vancouver metro area. For submissions, please observe the following guidelines:

1. Unless directed otherwise, specimens should be dried, pressed, and unmounted, delivered in newspaper folders.
2. Complete specimen labels must be included with each specimen, so we can database and georeference the information. Once uploaded, the data go directly to the websites of the Consortium of Pacific Northwest Herbaria and the Oregon Flora Project.
3. Remember that a specimen is only as good as its collection label. You are making a historical record as well as a specimen for scientific purposes. Inadequate collection data render a specimen useless, and your efforts may be wasted!

Labels should be as complete and self-explanatory as possible, with the info recorded in the following order. Spell out acronyms, abbreviations, and initials so future generations can understand what you mean.

- State
- County
- Name of locality, beginning with largest entity first, then getting more specific (e.g., Oregon, Lane Co., Willamette National Forest, H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest, 4 mi NW of McKenzie Bridge)
- Georeference: we prefer latitude and longitude in decimal degrees if possible; UTM's (with UTM zone) or Township, Range, and Section are important if latlongs are not available.
- Elevation
- Brief description of habitat and substrate
- Collector's name in full
- Date of collection
- Collection number

Questions? Please contact john.christy@pdx.edu

For additional info, please visit [HPSU's website](#)