



How to Create a Herbarium Label

Labels play a huge role in the significance of a herbarium specimen. Without a label or with poor/inaccurate label information a specimen is useless as a scientific or historical artifact. A future researcher should be able to use a specimen label to connect the specimen to the place and time of its collection along with the collector and possible determiner of the plant species.

A typical label is approximately a 4 x 4 inch square (the ideal, but not set in stone) and is printed on acid free paper. The label should, at minimum, contain the determination (family, genus, and species), collection location (as specific as possible), the date of collection, the name of the collector(s), and the collection number.

The examples below illustrate examples of what we would like your herbarium labels to look like. Please model your labels after these examples.

<p>Seeds of Success Native Seed Collection Program Family Genus species</p> <p>Seed Collection Reference Number External Collection Number (optional) Country. State. County. Latitude. Longitude. Elevation. Location Details.</p> <p>Collector(s), lead collector. Collection Team Date(s) collected.</p> <p>Collected under the auspices of the Bureau of Land Management U.S. Department of Interior</p>	<p>Seeds of Success Native Seed Collection Program Poaceae <i>Leymus cinereus</i></p> <p>CA370-114</p> <p>United States. Nevada. Washoe County. 41° 20' 55.81" N. 119° 21' 37.82" W. 1529ft. CA299 east to NV34 south, NV34 south to High Rock Canyon Road, go 15 miles to canyon entrance then go north, drive till you come to "narrows" in canyon and park.</p> <p>Boever, C. (lead), Holthuijzen, M. Surprise Field Office, BLM Sept 10, 2010</p> <p>Collected under the auspices of the Bureau of Land Management U.S. Department of Interior</p>
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