

GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF THE  
HERBARIUM  
BY OFF-CAMPUS USERS

The herbarium of the Department of Biological Sciences houses the most extensive and broadly representative collection of plants of Manitoba, approximately 77, 000 vascular plants. There is also a reference collection of seeds. Many of the specimens represent vouchers for floristic, environmental and ecological studies carried out by present and former members of the department and the broader scientific community. The collections have played an important role in the development of such publications as *Budd's Flora of the Canadian Prairie Provinces*, Scoggan's *Flora of Manitoba* and *Flora of Canada*, and the *Flora of North America*. They also provide an essential reference source for floristic and vegetation studies within the province.

The department of Biological Sciences welcomes visitors who may wish to use the facilities to identify their collections. Because the space is limited, reservations should be made in advance. We also offer a limited identification service by prior arrangement. Those doing research or surveys in the province are urged to collect voucher specimens for accession into the herbarium where they will afford a permanent record of the occurrence and contribute to the database for biodiversity and phytogeography. A project is in progress to database all present and future collection data to make them more readily accessible to all potential users.

**The herbarium, which is situated in Rom 426 of the Buller building, is open to outside users between 9:00 and 12:30 on Tuesdays, 9:00-5:00 on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Arrangements to use the facilities must be made with the Curator, Dr. Bruce Ford (474-6994) or the Assistant Curator, Ms. Diana Sawatzky (474-9208).**

Fees for services are as follows:

1. Identification of specimens and return to owner.....\$75.00 per hour of staff time
2. Identification of specimens for donation to the herbarium; identity to be reported to the collector.....\$50.00 per hour of staff time  
(subject to satisfactory quality of specimens and collection data)
3. Use of the herbarium facilities (microscope, reference materials, collections, etc.).....  
.....\$25.00 per hour
4. Data requests.....\$50.00 per hour of staff time

These fees are subject to change and other arrangements may be negotiated on an individual basis.