

Guidelines for the Use of the University of Manitoba Vascular Plant Herbarium (WIN) by Off-Campus Users

The University of Manitoba Vascular Plant Herbarium (WIN) houses the most extensive and broadly representative collection of the plants of Manitoba, approximately 85,000 specimens. 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 of Biological Sciences, University of Manitoba 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*, *Flora of Manitoba*, *Flora of Canada*, and *Flora of North America*. They also provide an essential reference source for floristic and vegetation studies within the province.

WIN welcomes visitors who may wish to use the facilities to identify their collections. We also offer a limited identification service by prior arrangement. Those doing research or surveys in the Manitoba are urged to collect voucher specimens for accession into the herbarium where they will afford a permanent record of their occurrence in the province.

The University of Manitoba Vascular Plant Herbarium, which is situated in Rom 426 of the Buller Building, is open to outside users Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00am – 4:30pm and Thursdays from 12:00 – 3:30pm.

Please contact the Curator, Bruce Ford (bruce.ford@umanitoba.ca), or the Assistant Curator, Diana Sawatzky (diana.sawatzky@umanitoba.ca) prior to your visit.

Fees for services are as follows:

1. Identification of specimens and return to owner.....\$80.00 per hour
2. Identification of specimens for donation to the herbarium; identity to be reported to the collector.....\$60.00 per hour
(subject to satisfactory quality of specimens and collection data)
3. Use of the herbarium facilities by for-profit companies (microscope, reference materials, collections, etc.).....\$40.00 per hour

These fees are subject to change and other arrangements may be negotiated on an individual basis. Government agencies, academic institutions, and NGOs are welcome to use WIN's facilities free of charge.