Consortium of Pacific Northwest Herbaria

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Development of PNW Herbaria

- Started in 2007 with goal of creating a single access point for all PNW herbarium specimen data and to promote collaboration among herbaria.
- Launched web site with 700,000 specimen records from three herbaria (ALA, OSC, WTU) with DiGIR access points.
- Our recent NSF BRC grant (2010-2013) enabled us to:
 - broaden participation and communication among regional herbaria,
 - image and/or database specimens at 19 herbaria,
 - integrate pre-existing specimen data from 8 other herbaria,
 - build technology solutions for imaging and databasing, and
 - expand the web site.

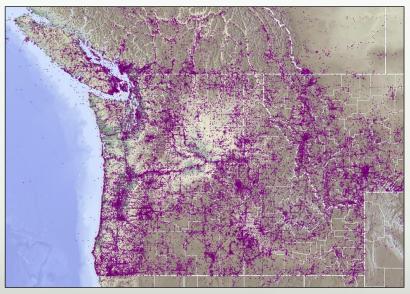
About PNW Herbaria

PNW Herbaria hosts <u>2.25 million</u> specimen records and provides access to <u>640,000</u> specimen images.

- 27 herbaria currently share data through PNW Herbaria.
- Includes 52% of all specimens in all herbaria in the region.
- Includes all herbaria in the region with > 30,000 specimens.
- 58% of specimens are georeferenced; 28% are imaged.



Map of all 58 Pacific Northwest herbaria



Georeferenced specimens





The Consortium of Pacific Northwest Herbaria was created in 2007 to bring together regional herbaria and provide an online portal to the wealth of existing and emerging information about the flora of Pacific Northwest North America. Over 3.6 million specimen records and numerous online electronic resources are managed by the region's 57 herbaria, representing an irreplacable storehouse of information for research and public education. More

Search the database:



Specimen Data:

Compiled Resources:

Documentation & Links:



Specimen Database

Search for herbarium specimens by label data or geographic location. Results show full label data, images of specimens sheets, and a distribution map. Results can also be downloaded or distilled into a species checklist.

Data for Download

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Species Checklists by County Create species lists for any counties in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, or Montana. Lists can include vascular plants, bryophytes, lichens, algae, and/or fungi.



Datasets for Mobile Devices View or download pre-packaged datasets intended for use on mobile devices without an internet connection. Includes county checklists, distribution maps, and specimen label data.



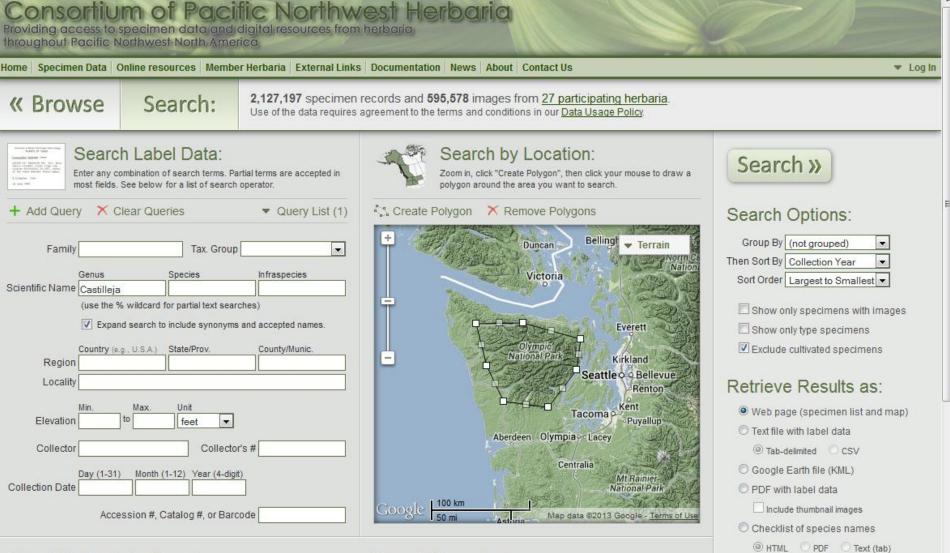


Specimen Imaging Documentation Learn how CPNWH images herbarium specimens. Included are detailed descriptions of our equipment and workflows. Software scripts are available for download.



Collections Digitization Documents A comprehensive list of documents and links relevant to digitizing biological collections, particularly herbarium specimens. Maintained by the Consortium of Northeast Herbaria.





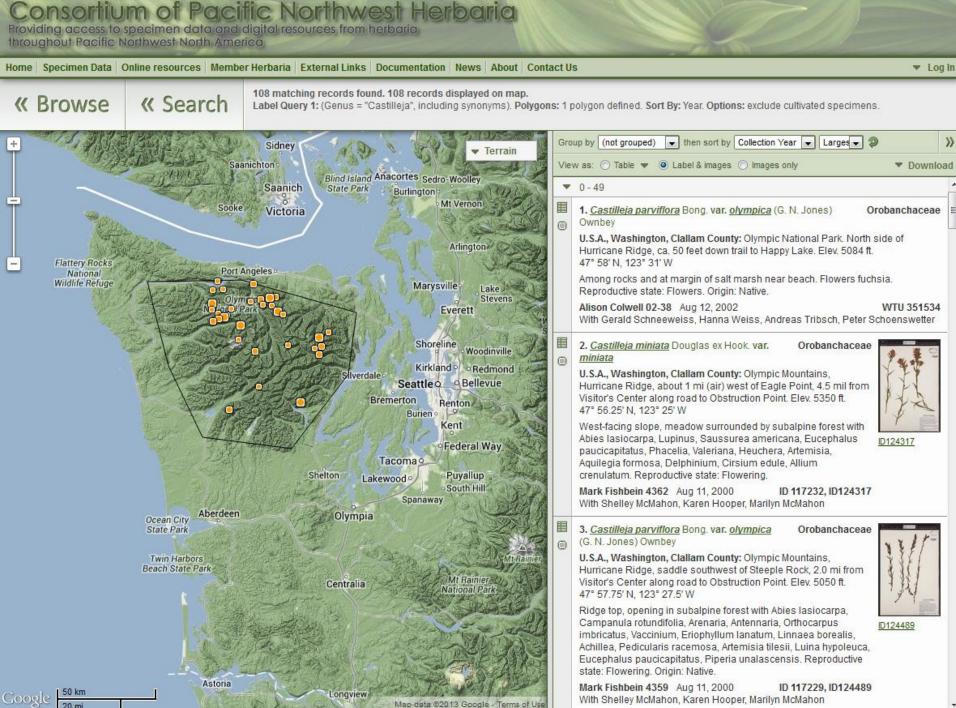
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Search all herbaria

- ALA (University of Alaska, Fairbanks Museum of the North)
- BABY (B. A. Bennett Herbarium, Yukon Government)
- CIC (College of Idaho, Harold M. Tucker Herbarium)
- EVE (The Evergreen College)
- HJAEF (H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest)
- HPSU (Portland State University)

Search Operators:

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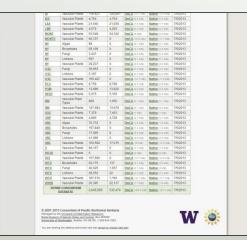
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Vascular Plants of Skagit County, Washington

Generated from PNW Herbaria database July 15, 2013.

108 family names 461 genus names 1,292 species/infraspecies names (names highlighted in brown could not be resolved to an accepted name)

{an additional 839 species/infraspecies are to be expected based on presence in one of these adjacent counties: Whatcom, Snohomish; these names are colored gray and enclosed in braces}

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Usage Statistics

- Over 70 unique visitors and 900 page views per day.
- 800 database searches and 150,000 specimen records accessed per day.
- Most are return users who have been to the site before.
- Low bounce rate of 28% (meaning most visitors stick around a while).
- Web site usage is steadily increasing with time.

Data Usage

Who is using the data?

- Government agencies: Natural Heritage Programs, Forest Service, BLM, Fish & Wildlife, noxious weed control.
- Private consultants.
- Academic research: systematists, taxonomists, field botanists, ecologists.
- Herbarium personnel: collections managers, staff, volunteers.
- Higher education: undergraduates, teaching assistants, faculty.
- Citizen Science Programs: invasive species, rare care.
- Amateur botanists, native plant enthusiasts, hikers.

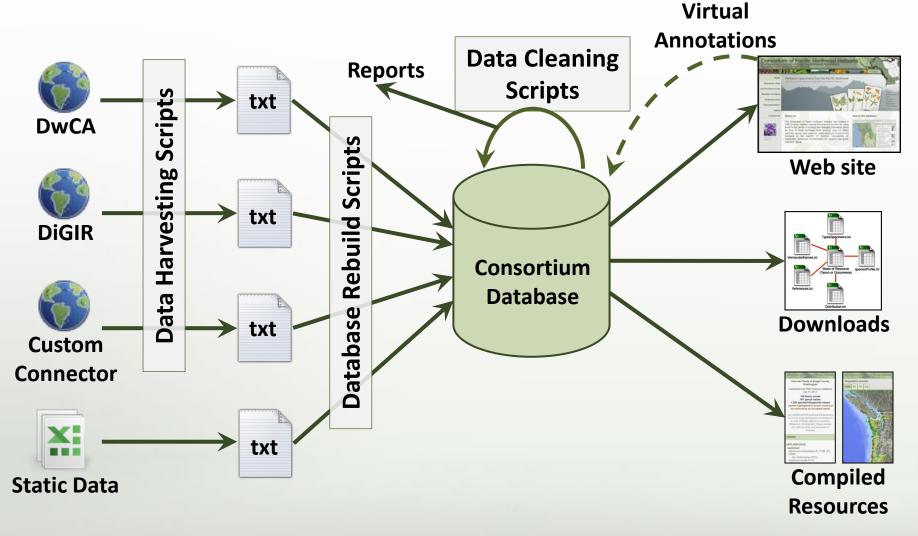
http://www.pnwherbaria.org/documentation.php

Technology & Infrastructure

- Windows 2008 server (24 GB RAM, 12 TB storage in RAID5) hosted at U. of Washington. Contents backed up to a remote server at U. of Idaho.
- Apache, MySQL, PHP, Python, Teserract OCR, HTML, JavaScript.
- Mostly custom code or open-source software (except Google Maps API).
- Web site design is custom; not using a content management system.

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Data Harvesting



Specimen Imaging:

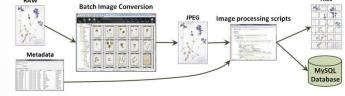
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Costs ca. \$280 (excluding camera & computer)

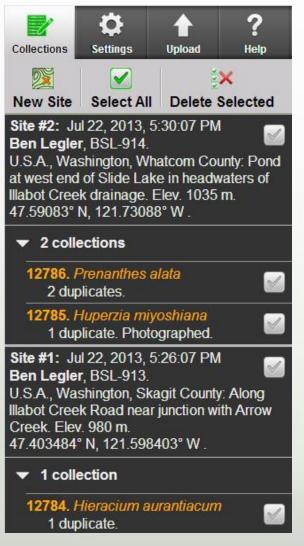
- Tripod
- Translucent white fabric
- Adhesive velcro or safety pins
- Wire coat hangers
- Clamp lamps & bulbs
- Power strip
- Scissors
- Pliers
- Wire cutters

Databasing software: Custom code built on MySQL, PHP, JavaScript, HTML. Accessed through a web browser. Functions like a database. Used by 19 herbaria to manage ca. 650,000 specimen records.

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List of sites and collections:



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Challenges & Needs

- 1. Messy data!!! Requires a lot of data cleaning code:
 - Detecting faulty georeferences.
 - Cleaning up and standardizing scientific names.
 - Detecting and flagging cultivated specimens.
 - Standardizing data and values without loosing information.
- 2. Keeping data current and minimizing the use of static snapshots.
- **3.** Data sharing with iDigBio and GBIF.
- 4. Accepting data corrections, comments and annotations (reverse data flow).
- 5. Sustainability of PNW Herbaria.

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