

Challenges in reaching out to smaller collections:

Determine what the smaller collection needs, how the larger can support

- Help them overcome their reluctance to digitize
- Convince them they have something to gain

Challenges in supporting smaller collections:

- Varied digitization experience and access to technical support
- Provide initial instruction, guidance, technical support to get digitization started

Plants of the National Colonial Farm

Accokeek, Maryland, U.S.A. Kalopanax pictus (Thunb.) Nakai Araliaceae

Infrequent tree 15 ft tall, apparent escape from cultivation; shaded oak-hickorytulip tree woodland, ca. 300 yds S of creek mouth alongtrail; near Prince Georges Co. line

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- Generate and disseminate formal documentation on recommended practices
- Maintain active communication and regular status reporting
- Meet large collection's project deliverables while supporting smaller collections
- Provide ongoing support without becoming a remote Information Manager
- Prepare small collections to be self-sustaining after project completion
- Do all of the above with few dedicated staff who are already over-extended



