



## Woody Plant and Wildflower Identification Form

Client Name _____	CES office _____
Address _____	CES phone _____
City _____ State ____ Zip _____	Agent _____
Telephone (____) - ____ - _____	Email _____

### Information Requested

Would you like:

- Sample identification only?
- Additional information about plant? If yes, check off as many of the following as desired.
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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Botanical                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Medicinal         | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Value |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Control                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Ecological/Natural History | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxicity       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horticultural (how to grow) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                |   |

### Collection Information

(SEE BACK for HOW TO COLLECT AND SHIP YOUR SAMPLE)

Collection date: \_\_\_\_\_ County collected in: \_\_\_\_\_

The plant sample is from a:

- Tree     Shrub     Vine     Herb (plants that die back to the ground each year)

The sample was collected in the following location or habitat type:

- Human Habitats (lawn and garden, pasture, roadside, fencerow)
- Open Spaces (prairie/glade, streambank, rock outcrops, cliffs)
- Shaded Areas (woodland, ravine or gorge)
- Wetlands (open marsh, wooded swamp, pond)

Describe other characteristics seen in the field but not included in plant sample?

Fruits \_\_\_\_\_

Flowers \_\_\_\_\_

Plant Height \_\_\_\_\_

Send samples to:

UK Herbarium  
Department of Forestry  
T.P. Cooper Building  
Lexington, KY 40546-0073

Contact the curator of the UK Herbarium at:

Voice: 859-257-3094  
FAX: 859-323-1031  
Email: rparatl@pop.uky.edu

**Samples will not be returned unless requested.**



## **Instructions on Collecting and Shipping Plant Samples**

### **Collecting A Specimen**

Collect the plant with as many parts for identification as possible, including where feasible, stems, leaves, flower, fruit, buds and seeds. Some woody plants can be identifiable by stem and leaves alone, but the other plant parts can make identification much easier. The inclusion of as many plant parts as possible is especially important for herbs.

### **Preserving and Transporting a Specimen**

For simply transporting a plant to the Herbarium for identification, place it in a sealed plastic bag or press the plant flat between sheets of newspaper and cardboard. Enclose the bag or sheets in a flat mailing envelope. Either method will ensure that the specimen will remain reasonably well preserved and life-like for up to a week.

The *least* effective way to transport the specimen to ensure preservation is to simply place it in a sealed box. When specimens are received after having been simply placed in a box, they are usually badly withered or have fallen apart, making identification difficult or impossible.

### **Information About the Plant**

Any information about the location and situation will be helpful. The front of this form has a section which can be filled out to indicate the habitat type in which you found the plant. The categories are meant as a rough guide only.

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