

**Plant Resources Center
University of Texas**

Policy for Visitors

The Plant Resources Center of the University of Texas is a scientific resource collection composed of the University of Texas Herbarium, the Lundell Herbarium, and associated reprint collections and facilities. The core of this institute is the collection of over 1,000,000 pressed, dried, preserved plant specimens from all parts of the globe, including the best herbarium collection of Texas plants anywhere, and one of the finest collections of Mexican plants in the United States. Some specimens are over 150 years old, including early Texas collections, although most are from the 20th Century.

The Plant Resources Center is a basic resource for research and education in plant classification and ecology. Our responsibility and challenge is to make the collection as useful as possible to those who need to use and consult it while maintaining its scientific value undiminished and even enhanced for future users. Unlike a library, every single specimen in an herbarium is irreplaceable.

The Plant Resources Center is an important public resource, and visitors are welcome. However, because of our responsibility to protect the specimens for future users, first-time visitors who wish to consult the herbarium must first make an appointment with the Curator, who will give them a thorough introduction to the organization of the collection, the correct handling of specimens, and other basics of standard herbarium practice. Non-scientists will need to demonstrate a

valid need to use the collection. Tours can also be arranged through the Curator. For more information, please contact:

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