**PLANT IDENTIFICATION FORM**

The ease and accuracy of your identification will depend on the information you collect, what parts of the plant you select, and how well you take care of your specimen.

**Please fill this form out as you’re standing in front of the plant and before you collect it!**

Nearest address or site where collected \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’

City \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**What kind of habitat is your plant found in?** *Fill in/circle one option:*

aquatic *(living in water)*

terrestrial *(upland, non-aquatic habitat)*

wetlands *(land areas with soil that is saturated with water either permanently or seasonally)*

## Which group best describes your plant? *Fill in/circle one option:*

### Woody plants *(tree, shrub, sub-shrub, and liana)*

### Aquatic plants *(plants with their leaves and/or stems submerged or floating in water)*

Grass-like plants *(grasses, sedges, and other plants with long, narrow leaves)*

### Orchids and related plants *(lilies, orchids, irises, aroids, and other monocots)*

### Ferns *(ferns, horsetails, quillworts, lycopods, and relatives)*

All other flowering non-woody plants *(asters and all other flowering plants)*

## Other evidence you can see but cannot collect with your specimen?

**** Approximate age of plant (young, mature, old): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

### Approximate size of plant: (mm, cm, meters, inches, feet) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Photographs?** *If possible, write down the picture file name next to each option:*

Whole plant, with another object/person for scale

### Bark – color: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Flowers or any colorful structure that might fade or fall – color: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

### Fruits or any fragile structure that might fall when collected – color: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Other information you think is important:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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