

Memorandum of Understanding

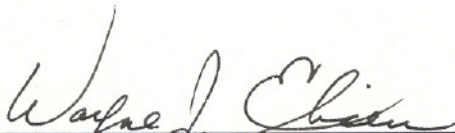
for the deposition of KFFL plant voucher specimens
in the Robert Bebb Herbarium (OKL) of the University of Oklahoma

Effective date: 10 February 2006


The Robert Bebb Herbarium is the largest herbarium in Oklahoma and ranks in the top 50 nationally. The Bebb Herbarium is a critical resource for the state, the University of Oklahoma, and the scientific community. Jointly operated by the Oklahoma Biological Survey and the Department of Botany and Microbiology, the Bebb Herbarium is housed in George Lynn Cross Hall on the main campus of the University of Oklahoma.

The plant research specimens housed in the Robert Bebb Herbarium (Index Herbariorum acronym OKL) exceed 210,000 vascular plant specimens, 1800 bryophyte specimens, and 500 algal and fungal specimens. Additionally, OKL has 213 nomenclatural type specimens and voucher specimens documenting numerous research investigations and biological surveys and inventories. Voucher specimens serve as valuable documentation for research involving native, naturalized, and experimental plants.

The Robert Bebb Herbarium agrees to provide a repository for plant voucher specimens obtained during research investigations and inventories undertaken at the Kessler Farm Field Laboratory (KFFL) of the University of Oklahoma. Voucher specimens submitted for archiving in the Bebb Herbarium should meet modern standards for plant research collections that include properly dried and pressed non-sterile plants and collections that have complete label and georeference data.



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