

What's Growing On: Basic backyard plant/collection/ identification for the beginning botanist

Suitable for beginners, this 2 hour workshop will introduce participants to the importance of herbaria, the techniques used to collect voucher specimens, what information is collected and why, and how that information is useful in identifying plants of the region. It is designed for those unfamiliar with plant collection techniques and who are ready to jump into botanical detective work. This is also a great way to appreciate plants and take the time to look at them closely.

Materials: Bring a sample plant specimen from your backyard to i.d and learn the proper way to prepare a voucher specimen for our herbarium collection. The specimen should fit in a folded sheet of newspaper and have either flowers or fruit. Notes on where it was collected would also be desirable.

Date: Wednesday, February 27th

Time: 1:00-3:00p.m.

Location: Harrison Chandler Education Center, National Tropical Botanical Garden Headquarters

Space is limited, please RSVP to volunteer@ntbg.org or 332-7324, ext 228

Cost: None

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