Lecture Topic 1 - Introduction to Plant Systematics

I. What is biological systematics?
A. Definition and objectives
B. Relation to other fields
   1. As an umbrella science
   2. As a foundational science
C. Important products
   1. Species
   2. Checklists, Floras, Manuals, Field Guides
   3. Phylogenetics
   4. Monographs
   5. Encyclopedic Works

II. Herbaria
A. Herbarium specimens & important herbaria
B. Use of specimens
C. How to make a specimen
   1. Collecting
   2. Pressing
   3. Mounting

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Lecture readings:
1. Introduction (pp 1-7) of Rhoads & Block. 2007.

Lab readings: