

The Royal Horticultural Society
COLLECTING AND PREPARATION OF HERBARIUM FERN SPECIMENS

FERN SPECIMEN INFORMATION

Please complete as much of the following information as possible.

Items indicated with a star (*) are required details. Where alternatives are given, please state which applies.

'Source plant' refers to the plant from which the specimen has been taken.

See COLLECTION AND PREPARATION NOTES for further guidance.

When copying this table, please keep separate from the accompanying notes. Only this table is to be returned with the specimen with which it will be kept.

INFORMATION REQUIRED	SPECIMEN
COLLECTION DETAILS	
Collector's name <i>Please include one full given name and initials of other given names</i>	*
Collector's number	
Date of collection	*
Location of source plant <i>Full address preferably required (See comment in the accompanying notes)</i>	*
Origin of plant: spore – <i>date of sowing if known</i> purchased or donated plant – <i>source if known</i> wild collection – <i>name of collector, date of collection, site of collection with grid reference if known</i>	
Approximate age of plant	
PLANT DETAILS	
Species or cultivar	*
<i>Full botanical name. Include authority where known (Note: These will be checked before the specimens are entered on the database.)</i>	*
Fertility: state if normally fertile or normally sterile <i>Especially important for cultivars</i>	
Rhizome: erect, creeping, caudex, or trunk. Give additional useful descriptive information, e.g. climbing, scaly, branching frequently	Continued over

Arrangement of the fronds on the rhizome: e.g. at rhizome apex to form a shuttle cock; compactly spaced along length of rhizome	
Frond: texture, shape and length <i>Important for large fronds, which will be divided between more than one herbarium sheet</i>	
Three dimensional features of the fronds such as crestring, criscing, branching rachis	
Shape of mature indusium	
Height and spread of source plant (cms)	Height Spread
Colour of newly, fully expanded fronds <i>Obviously subjective but useful</i>	
PHOTOGRAPH	
Photograph included yes/no.	
Image Rights Form completed: yes/no <i>Send with the images, this form and the specimen</i>	
CULTIVATION	
Grown in greenhouse or outdoors.	
Plant pot grown or in open ground	
Site – Light: full sun, partial shade, full shade, other <i>(please state)</i>	
Site – Wind exposure: windy, sheltered from wind, exposed to sea air, other <i>(please state)</i>	
Soil type: e.g. clay, loam, sandy, woodland mould or other <i>(please state)</i>	
Soil moisture: dry, moist, wet, open water, other <i>(please state)</i>	
Plants grown where competition from other plants possible – yes/no	
Donor's signature	Date