

Australian National Herbarium (CANB)

Australian Biosecurity Guidelines

Herbarium material entering Australia is subject to inspection by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) for biosecurity risks.

All herbarium specimens sent to the **Australian National Herbarium (CANB)** must be fully processed (dried and labelled), documented and packaged in accordance with the following instructions.

CANB will provide the relevant documentation when we request a loan. Please contact loans@anbg.gov.au to request current versions of all documentation before sending any herbarium specimens.

Instructions:

1. **Postage:** please send parcels via **normal post (i.e. trackable mail), not courier**. If you need to use a courier please contact loans@anbg.gov.au for advice.

Inform CANB via email loans@anbg.gov.au when the parcel(s) have been dispatched.

2. **Address:** use the following address for parcels

**Curator, Australian National Herbarium (CANB)
Centre for Australian National Biodiversity Research
CSIRO NCMI
Clunies Ross Street
GPO Box 1700
Canberra ACT 2601
AUSTRALIA
CITES: AU011**

3. **Biosecurity documentation:** Enclose one copy of each of the following documents in an envelope (or clear pocket) on the **outside of each parcel** and **a second copy inside the parcel**:
 - 1) completed Biosecurity Declaration (printed on institutional letterhead)
 - 2) loan/exchange paperwork. Please ensure that the paperwork clearly
 - a. states what the material is (e.g. research loan being sent to <insert herbarium acronym>, return of material borrowed from <insert herbarium acronym>, etc.)
 - b. includes a Reference Number for the Loan or donation/exchange.
 - 3) itemised taxon list
 - 4) a copy of the Australian Import Permit (when required*)

** An Import Permit is only required for knowingly infected and/or pathogenic organisms. Herbarium specimens of non-infected and non-pathogenic vascular plants, algae, fungi, lichens or bryophytes **do not** require an Import Permit.*

Please ensure that the specimens are wrapped separately from the documents.

Import Permits

Import permits are required for fully processed herbarium specimens of **knowingly infected** specimens, and/or **pathogenic organisms** such as bacteria, fungi, viruses, viroid, phytoplasmas and oomycetes (pythiums, phytophthoras) or any other microorganism requiring a plant host. The receiving herbarium is responsible for acquiring the necessary Import Permit and meeting the import conditions.

4. **Biosecurity Parcel Label:** Print the provided 'Attention Biosecurity' label on yellow paper (if possible) and attach one to the outside of each parcel.

Please direct any queries to loans@anbg.gov.au or **(02) 6246 5506** or **(02) 6246 5483**

Thank you for your co-operation.