

Table 1. Comparison of selected herbaria (from Holmgren et al. 1990).

Herbarium	Year Founded	Number of Specimens
Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France	1635	8,877,300
Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, England	1841	6,000,000
Komarov Botanical Institute, Leningrad, Russia	1823	5,770,000
New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, New York	1891	5,300,000
Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts	1864	4,858,000
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.	1848	4,368,000
Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis, Missouri	1859	3,700,000
University of California, Berkeley, California	1872	1,725,000
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan	1837	1,613,500
Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1812	1,590,000
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina	1903	629,400
University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida	1892	400,000
Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida	1940	183,000
University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia	1920	180,000
University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama	1950	50,000
Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama	1950	46,500
Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina	1926	37,000
Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia	1956	19,000
Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia	1949	18,805