

Ethnobotany Lab 6.

Morphology of plants

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Background To work as ethnobotanist in any field, one need to understand how plant is constructed. This is the science of plant morphology which studies principles of plant construction. As an introductory step to plant morphology, we need to prepare the textual plant description which will show how precisely we understand a given plant.

Assignment Take two plant samples from MSU teaching herbarium collection (listen for the explanations about how to work with herbarium samples!), and provide the full description for each of them. Use the text from Stevens (1962, p. 22–27) as a plan and a reference. The longer and more detailed will be your description, the better. Do not forget to list the collection number. If herbarium sample has a scientific plant name, please provide it too.