

Photographic Voucher Guide

Significance of Vouchers

When requesting a permit for arthropods, invertebrates and plant pests, a voucher specimen could be required. A voucher specimen is a preserved representative of a specific organism that serves as a verifiable and permanent record. It is important invertebrate specimens imported or used in scientific investigations are preserved for future reference. Vouchers serve as the only reliable way to verify the identity of the taxon/taxa of a species. Vouchers are especially important for invertebrate specimens only identified to genus (i.e. *Armadillidium* sp. "Soil").

Guidelines for Photographic Vouchers

In some instances, photographs of a permitted species are sufficient instead of a physical voucher. Below are guidelines, tips and examples to capture high-quality photographs of invertebrates.

- Take photograph of organism from above (dorsal view).
- Minimize obstructions and/or glare from the container in photograph.
- Photographs should be taken of adults, not juveniles.
- Include photograph for each color morph.
- Ensure the photograph is clear and in focus.



1. *Brachypelma vagans*, Mexican redrump tarantula
2. *Centruroides gracilis*, slender brown scorpion
3. *Mylocerus undatus*, Asian grey weevil
4. *Scolopendra heros*, Texas giant centipede
5. *Diplopoda*, millipede
6. *Uropygi*, whip scorpion



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