

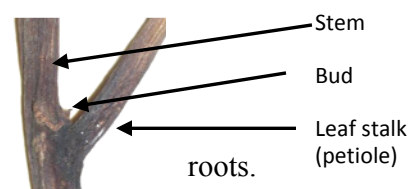
Submitting Healthy Plant Samples – Collecting, Preparing and Shipping

If you want to know the name of a plant, please follow the directions below to be sure there is enough plant material to identify the species.

If you are bringing the plant to our Gainesville office, for small plants, please provide the entire flowering and fruiting plant. If it is not possible to bring the whole plant, bring a stem or twig with leaves and flowers or fruit attached to the stem. Make sure the plant does not wilt. If you mail the sample, complete the Sample Submission Form and include the information below in the “Remarks” section on that form or print the page below and include it with the form and your mailed sample.

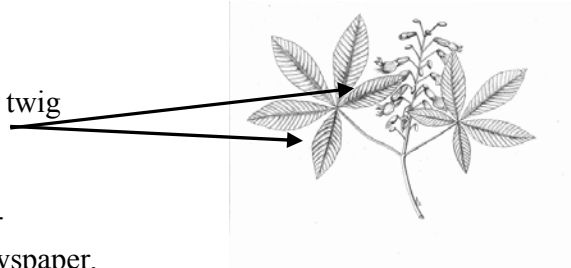
Each specimen should consist of

- **Flowers or fruit** if available.
- Two or more **WHOLE leaves** attached to stem.
- **Roots** if the plant is small. Remove all dirt from the



Collect **WHOLE** leaves.

- A leaf begins where a bud is attached to the twig
- These are *leaflets* of a *compound leaf*



- Spread the plant so that it looks like a picture in a book.
- Flatten your sample by placing it between sheets of newspaper, sandwich the newspaper between two pieces of cardboard, and tie the entire package together tightly.
- Do NOT place mailed material in plastic bags, unless you mail it early in the week and include a dry paper towel. Material in a plastic bag sent from the post office on Thursday or Friday may reach our office as a rotten mess!
- Please number each plant if you send more than one. We'll use these numbers to connect the plant sample and the species name we provide.
- Complete the information below for each plant you send for identification.
- Plant specimens cannot not be returned.



Please send sample:

Florida Department of Agriculture / Division of Plant Industry
1911 SW 34th St.
P.O. Box 147100
Gainesville, FL 32614-7100
ATTN: Specimen Inside for Botany Section