

# WE DIG FL PLANTS

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## Team Challenge 2018!

WeDigFLPlants is pleased to announce the inaugural **Team Challenge**. Five-person teams will compete to contribute data about the greatest number of Florida-collected plant specimens during the Worldwide Engagement for Digitizing Biocollections (WeDigBio) 2018 Event. Winning team members get great-looking t-shirts with the logo on the front (similar to the picture) and their team name across the back. We will also send a t-shirt to the top three most valuable players—participants with the greatest number of contributions who were not on the winning team. There are no restrictions for team composition. You could recruit enough participants to form one or more teams from a student group, a chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, a Florida Master Gardener group, your high school graduating class, your book club, scattered friends from around the world—the possibilities are endless.



**When:** The event starts as soon as it is October 18 somewhere in the world and ends when it is no longer October 21 anywhere in the world. This corresponds to the start and end of WeDigBio 2018 (see [wedigbio.org](http://wedigbio.org) for more info on that event, if you are interested).

**Where:** You can participate in the competition from anywhere in the world where you can access the internet.

**What:** Teams create data from images of Florida-collected plant specimens at Notes from Nature ([notesfromnature.org](http://notesfromnature.org)). If you'd like to learn more about the value of that activity for researchers, educators, policymakers, and others, visit <https://biospex.org/project/wedigflplants>. Only data from expeditions at <https://www.notesfromnature.org/active-expeditions/Herbarium> with "WeDigFLPlants" in the name count towards your total. Each team member will need to have a login for Zooniverse (the platform running Notes from Nature) **AND BE LOGGED-IN** for the contributions to count towards your team total. Prior to proclaiming winners, all data will be checked for quality. Poor-quality contributions will be removed from totals, so be sure to be familiar with the process. There's a short and painless tutorial to read once you select a WeDigFLPlants expedition at Notes from Nature. And there will be an orientation that is broadcast online on Thursday, October 18, at 6 p.m. eastern time—should that interest you, watch @wedigflplants on Twitter for the link on October 18.

**Registration:** Registrations are due by **Monday, October 15, at 11:59 p.m. eastern time**. To register, send the following to Austin at [amast@bio.fsu.edu](mailto:amast@bio.fsu.edu):

- 1) Team Name (20 characters, including spaces; no trademarked names, expletives, etc.)

- 2) Zooniverse username for each of the five (or fewer) persons on the team (no other personal info or password please)

The winning team will be notified via the email address used to register the team; the top three most valuable players will be notified via the Talk forum on Notes from Nature. At that time, we will need t-shirt sizes, names, and addresses to send the prizes. Please allow a few weeks for us to print the customized t-shirts and the postal service to deliver them.

**Scoreboard:** We are working hard to get a near-real-time scoreboard launched for the event, which should be available at <https://biospex.org/project/wedigflplants>. However, if we fall short of that we will aim to tweet the leaderboard twice a day from @WeDigFLPlants during the event.

**And even more thank-you gifts:** WeDigFLPlants offers contributors of data from 50 specimens a sticker and those from 200 specimens a stylish hat (see picture), whether the contributions are made during Team Challenge 2018 or not. Watch for a message from us via the Talk forum on Notes from Nature should you newly qualify.

**Here to help:** Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to send them to Austin at [amast@bio.fsu.edu](mailto:amast@bio.fsu.edu).



**Join in the fun!**