ARRANGEMENT OF VASCULAR PLANT COLLECTION SPECIMENS

FAMILY ARRANGEMENT
Plant families are arranged by a modified Engler & Prantl classification scheme. Family circumscription is migrating from Englerian to modern phylogeny (APG III, etc.). Each family has been assigned a number to assist in its location. Charts with alphabetical and numerical listings of the families are posted about the herbarium. Ferns and fern allies are assigned numbers prefixed with "P" and higher vascular plants are numbered 1 - 280 (generally following the Dalla Torre and Harms system).

ARRANGEMENT WITHIN A FAMILY
Genera within a family are arranged alphabetically. A list of the contents of each herbarium cabinet is posted on the inside of the cabinet door.

ARRANGEMENT WITHIN A GENUS
Several systems have been used to organize species within a genus at FLAS. You will find areas that are a mixture of systems and follow no evident pattern. We are migrating to the Color-Coded System, but the Florida System is most predominate at this time. Please leave the material in the arrangement you find it (unless you want to volunteer and help us renovate).

Genera Comprised of Less than One Folder may be filed in a single manila folder.

Florida material is always arranged alphabetically by county. If you find it out-of-order, please correct it. Please note, Dade County material is being moved to Miami-Dade County, but may be in one or the other place.

1) Color-Coded System: The genus is divided into two alphabetical sequences of species. The geographic arrangement is applied at the species level for the "Florida" tier and at the genus level for the "other" tier.
   - "Florida tier": all specimens from all regions of species that occur in Florida (native, introduced or cultivated). These species have folders lettered with the species and are in colors based on the region from where the specimens were collected.
   - "Other tier": species for which we have no specimens from Florida. These specimens are divided into color folders by geographic region and are alphabetical by species within each region.

Color-coded Regions
- Florida (alphabetical by county) - Manila
- Florida cultivated (may include material from other geographic regions) - Grey
- Canada and U.S. (except FL) - Green
- West Indies - Blue
- Mexico, Central & South America - Yellow
- General Foreign - Violet

2) Florida System (Grouping by species then by geographic area.) The genus is divided into two alphabetical sequences of species.
   - all specimens from all geographic areas of species which occur in the wild (native or naturalized) in Florida
      These species have folders lettered with the genus and species name. These folders are subdivided geographically with inner paper folders.
   - species which do not occur in the wild in Florida ("end folders"). These species are arranged alphabetically at the end of the genus in folders marked "end".

Arrangement within a species in both species sequences is by the following geographical arrangement:
- Alaska & Canada
- General U.S.
- S.E. U.S. (AL, GA, LA, MS, NC, SC)
- Florida (alphabetical by county)
- West Indies
- Mexico and Central America
- South America
- Hawaii and General Foreign

TYPE SPECIMENS
We are currently cataloging and separating type specimens from the main collection. Many remain unmarked in our holdings, others may be found in red folders at the end of the genus. Please give the Collection Manager all types which are found in the general collections. Paratypes will eventually be filed back into the collection with covers.

INDETS - UNDETERMINED COLLECTIONS
Undetermined sheets will be found at the end of each geographic division of a genus, or at the end of a family for which they are known. If the family is unknown, they will be found in a folder at the end of the Asteraceae.