

MICHIGAN SMALL HERBARIUM INITIATIVE

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- 2004 – NSF workshop at MSU
- 2006 – survey; Ohio Bot + Bot07 poster
- 2009 – MiCOB grant – Hanes Foundation
- 2013 – MSHI grant – Hanes Foundation
- MSHI = 9 of 31 (28) IH herbaria in MI + 1; 400 – 26,000 specimens – about 88K specimens total.
- ALBC, AUB, CALVIN, CMC, EMC, GVSU, HCHM, HLSD, Seney, WMU
 - Ideals:
 - Work with friends, interested colleagues. Don't force collaboration!
 - Positives:
 - Links to get small collections involved in national initiatives (ADBC – TCNs, etc.)
 - Exposes collections to outside researchers who otherwise would very likely not consult them.
 - Challenges:
 - Remembering that Curators of small collections have primary responsibilities elsewhere.
 - IT abilities are often quite limited.



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<http://www.hamstermap.com/index.php>