

PROGRESS REPORT III. THE OHIO FLORA PROJECT

The Ohio Flora Project is a long-range research program aiming to assemble sound scientific data as to what plants grow where in Ohio. Current efforts are concentrated on the native and naturalized vascular plants. This work is a project of the Ohio Academy of Science and is being directed by a committee which was appointed in 1950 by the president of the Academy. The committee is happy to report continued progress.

General procedure is to collect records of known herbarium specimens of Ohio plants. From these records mimeographed preliminary lists are being prepared in which distribution by counties is reported. (It should be noted that most of these records must still be verified.) On the basis of these preliminary lists such specimens as are needed to fill in the gaps are being collected. As is feasible, published papers dealing with portions of the Ohio Flora will appear.

The major tangible evidences of progress to date are enumerated and briefly described below:

1. In the spring of 1953 there was distributed a mimeographed preliminary list of the woody plants of Ohio. Since that time, much work has been done on keys, text, and preliminary distribution maps.
2. A manuscript dealing with the genus *Crataegus* of Ohio is now being prepared.
3. A manuscript dealing with the genus *Salix* is also being prepared for publication.
4. In the spring of 1954 a preliminary list of Ohio grasses was distributed to those interested.
5. In the spring of 1955 a preliminary list of Ohio pteridophytes was mimeographed and mailed to many of you.
6. A similar bulletin dealing with Ohio legumes was sent out during the summer of 1955.
7. The latest major step has been to request that records of Ohio Compositae be submitted. A preliminary list of this group will be forthcoming.
8. The fact that hundreds of specimens have been collected in an effort to add new county records indicated that the preliminary mimeographed lists are significant. A record, of course, means that a specimen is in an herbarium.

Such are the highlights of progress. Those interested in further details and willing to contribute even a few botanical specimens may add their names to the ever growing mailing list on request to the secretary.

This is the third of a series of short notes dealing with this project which have appeared in this Journal. The previous notes were published as follows: (1) 52: 34, Jan. 1952, and (2) 55: 64, Jan. 1955.

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