

The flow of material from a Botanic Garden into an Herbarium: A case study from the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE)

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The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh has a long history of vouchering material from its living collection into the Herbarium (E) as cultivated specimens. Recent changes in collections management systems for both the Living Collection (Iris BG) and the Herbarium (Specify v7) have resulted in an updated workflow for both the material and the data associated with these collections. On top of this, new restrictions and permits associated with the wild collection of original material and the need carry this information through the long-term life of the collection, including into its derivatives (i.e. cultivated herbarium specimens & silica stored material), has resulted in a need for a robust but flexible system of accessioning and record keeping. This talk will demonstrate the methods (both successful & unsuccessful) used by the RBGE to capture, utilise, and propagate this data within the everyday workflows of the Botanic Garden.

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