

Please provide the following information when submitting samples for plant identification.

Plant or Weed Identification Triage:

1. How large does the plant grow i.e. height and width?
2. When does the plant flower?
3. What does the flower look like i.e. color, size, shape, number of petals?
4. What do the leaves or needles look like i.e. color, size, shape?
5. What is the leaf arrangement i.e. opposite or alternate; simple or compound?
6. What type of unique bark characteristics does the plant have, if any?
7. Does the plant produce any fruits, nuts, seed pods, cones? When?
8. How long has the plant been growing at this location?
9. Was it purchased/planted or a wild volunteer?
10. Where did the plant come from and when was it planted?
11. Does the plant grow in sun or shade?
12. Does the plant grow in areas that are dry or moist?
13. How many of these plants are at the site or location?
14. If this plant is a weed, what crop or lawn grass is it infesting and what percent?
15. If the plant is a tree or shrub, is it deciduous or evergreen?
16. Can you submit a digital picture by email and/or a physical sample of the leaves and flowers to our office? For weeds, an entire plant sample with roots, leaves, flowers or seed heads is ideal for identification. For other plants, submit a branch of the plant that represents all leaf patterns and leaf arrangements. Please take fresh samples on the day that you are coming to the Extension office and keep cool (out of direct sunlight) and in a dry zip-lock bag. There is no charge for identification at our office.