

Instructions for Arborists to get Credit for Collecting Insects for Display in the CTPA Insect Cabinet in the Jenkins Building at CAES

- 1) An arborist will get 2.0 credits from DEP towards the renewal of his or her arborist license for collecting and correctly identifying 10 different insects.
- 2) Insects must be tree-related, but collected insects are not necessarily limited to those listed on the study guide for the arborist license.
- 3) Insects must be collected in Connecticut.
- 4) The different life stages of the insects will count as a separate insect. For example, the eastern tent caterpillar could count four times – as an egg, a caterpillar, a pupa and a moth.
- 5) In accordance with the definition of “insect” used in the Arborist Law, mites and other arthropods can be submitted, even though they are not, in actuality, insects.
- 6) Insects must be brought to the CAES insect inquiry office in either New Haven or Windsor in good condition, suitable for mounting or otherwise for presentation in the CTPA insect display cabinet.
- 7) The insect, when it is brought to the CAES inquiry office, should have all of the normal collection information included with the insect – including the name of person who collected the insect and the date and location of collection (county, town, street address and/ or GPS coordinates in latitude and longitude). This information should be recorded on a sheet of paper that is submitted with the insect.
- 8) While it is preferred that the arborist who is to receive credit for the insect also collects the insect, there may be circumstances where that is not the case. If so, the person doing the collecting and the arborist should each be clearly identified.
- 9) In order for the arborist to receive credit, the insect must be correctly identified before the Experiment Station accepts it. However, an arborist may receive credit for an insect brought in that is not correctly identified if he or she works with the Station personnel to reach a correct identification.
- 10) An arborist does not need to bring in all ten insects at one time. The arborist must keep a record of the insects he or she has collected on a form that is available through CTPA. Each time an arborist brings a new insect into the CAES inquiry office and the insect is correctly identified, the designated Station personnel will sign this sheet. When 10 insects have been collected and correctly identified, the arborist will make two copies of this sheet. One will be kept by CAES, one kept by the arborist and one, the original, submitted to DEP as a part of the license renewal paperwork. Maintaining this sheet is the responsibility of the arborist.
- 11) This program will run until such time as the Station personnel feel that the insect cabinet is sufficiently full or as staffing levels dictate.

12) Station Personnel:

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