

September 12, 1932.

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Plant Identification

Director,
California Forest and Range Experiment Station,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 6 is received.

The records of this office indicate that Mr. M. W. Talbot has collected 387 plant specimens (386-1/3, to be exact) and Mr. Hormay has collected 19 specimens (18-1/3, to be exact). It is suggested therefore that Mr. Talbot's collections at your Station begin with no. 388 (unless he has collected other numbers meanwhile which he wishes to recognize) and Mr. Hormay's specimens commence with the number 20.

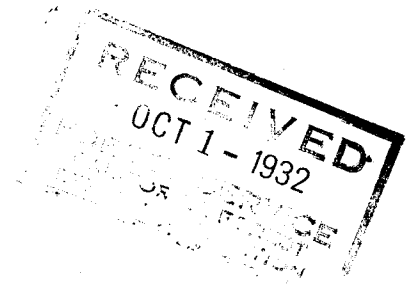
The specimens referred to in your letter were received this morning and will be handled promptly. If the additional information mentioned in the final paragraph of your letter is later collected the Washington office will naturally be grateful to receive these additional data to add to the Forms 767 on file in this office.

Very truly yours,

W. A. DAYTON
Acting Chief, Division of Range Research.

P.S.
The leaflet of instructions suggests that collector's initial or symbol (where used) precede the number; thus: H-1 (rather than 1-H). Should not Talbot's initial be I rather than "P"?

For information of Mr. A. L. Hormay



September 27, 1932.

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Plant Identification, CAL

Director,
California Forest and Range Experiment Station,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Mr. Kotok's letter of September 6 and my reply of September 12.

The 125 plant specimens from the California Forest and Range Experiment Station have been received and will be forwarded within a very few days to the Bureau of Plant Industry for formal identification.

The Forest Service plant identification project started as an administrative one and its main divisions are still of an administrative nature. It seems desirable, therefore, so far as feasible, to handle the experiment station collections in harmony with administrative units. This collection from your Station appears to represent three administrative units, viz., the Sequoia, Sierra, and Stanislaus National Forests, although the specimens, for the most part, appear to have been collected immediately outside the boundaries of the Forests indicated. We have therefore divided this collection into three different collections and the plants will be reported on accordingly:

(1) 23d SEQUOIA (CAL) COLLECTION
(73d CAL COLLECTION)

This consists of 46 plants, Talbot's "1-T"(T-388) to "31-T"(T-418), inclusive, collected April 16, 1932 (except no. "31-T," collected April 13) -- 31 plants. Hormay's "68-H"(H-87) to "82-H"(H-101), inclusive, collected May 25-26, 1932 -- 15 plants.

N.B. No. "18-T"(T-405) has Hormay given as collector. We have changed to Talbot. Is that correct?

For information of Mr. Hormay

Director, CAL

(2) 13th SIERRA (CAL) COLLECTION
(71st CAL COLLECTION)

This consists of 37 plants, all collected by Hormay
March 15 to May 27, 1932, as follows:

"1-H"(H-20) to "5-H"(H-24), inclusive,	-	5	plants
"35-H"(H-54)	- - - - -	1	"
"36-H"(H-55)	- - - - -	1	"
"43-H"(H-62) to "67-H"(H-86), inclusive,		25	"
"83-H"(H-102) to "87-H"(H-106),	"	5	"
Total,		<u>37</u>	"

(3) 19th STANISLAUS (CAL) COLLECTION
(72d CAL COLLECTION)

This consists of 42 plants, all collected by Hormay
March 16 to May 28, 1932, as follows:

"6-H"(H-25) to "34-H"(H-53), inclusive,		29	plants
"37-H"(H-56) to "42-H"(H-61),	"	6	"
"88-H"(H-107) to "94-H"(H-113),	"	7	"
Total,		<u>42</u>	"

Since the printed leaflet of instructions governing this project recommends that the collector's initial or initials be used as a prefix rather than a suffix, and that the collector's numbers be continuous from year to year rather than beginning each season with number 1, and as Mr. Kotok's letter of September 6 appears to express the wish that both Messrs. Talbot's and Hormay's collection numbers be continuous in this fashion, we have arbitrarily changed all of Mr. Talbot's and Mr. Hormay's numbers by putting the initial first and adding 387 to Mr. Talbot's numbers and 19 to Mr. Hormay's numbers. Thus Mr. Talbot's number "1-T" becomes T-388, and Mr. Hormay's no. "1-H" becomes H-20. Is this satisfactory?

Messrs. Hormay and Talbot's plants have been beautifully prepared and it requires only the most cursory examination to show that they are replete with Forest Service novelties; there will undoubtedly be numerous first Forest Service records of both species and genera in the collection. One of the specimens, which appears to be Gaura heterantha Torr., is not matched in the U. S. National Herbarium.

If data are later obtained on forage value, distribution, abundance, phenology, etc. the Washington office would be very grateful to receive such additional information to add to the Forms 787.

Director, CAL

The Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station has recently asked this office to add to all the collection lists a collection number for that Station. If your Station so desires we will be very glad to start a series of CAL Station collection numbers. If this is desired it seems logical that the 13th Sierra Collection referred to in this letter be cited as the 1st CAL Station Collection, the 19th Stanislaus as the 2d CAL collection, and the 23d Sequoia Collection as the 3d CAL collection.

It is perhaps worth while to state that the Washington office in typing Forms 767 for specimens collected adjoining or in the neighborhood of the National Forests puts the name of the Forest (in caps) on the Form 767 immediately followed by the parenthesized expression "(near the)." Thus: "ANGELES (near the)," rather than "adjoining the Angeles." It has been our experience that this practice promotes uniformity, brevity, and ready legibility with ease of reference and filing. This is, however, merely a (very minor) suggestion.

Very truly yours,

W. A. DAYTON
Acting Chief, Division of Range Research.