

**Weed Management**  
**Department G, Division 751**  
Pay category 5

**General Information:**

- A. Any individual with a weed, range, or conservation project may exhibit a weed book. The book cover and majority of specimens must represent this year's work. For assistance identifying plants, participants can use Nebraska Department of Agriculture's *Weeds of Nebraska and the Great Plains* (1994) or *Weeds of the Great Plains* (2003).
- B. Exhibits will be judged based on completeness of plant mount, accuracy of identification, label, neatness, and conformity to exhibit requirements.
- C. Display one plant on the book cover (no label required on cover specimen). Plants must be mounted on sheets that are 11" wide x 14" high. Proper plant mount should include root as well as stem and leaf tissue. Plants should be glued rather than taped and the mounts should be protected with a clear clover. Each completed mount must have a 5" x 3" cardstock label glued flush in the lower right corner of the mounting sheet. The label (see example below) should include the following information:
1. Scientific name (in italic or underlined), with authority
  2. Common name
  3. County of collection
  4. Collection date
  5. Collector's name
  6. Collection number
  7. Other information depending on class selected, i.e., noxious, life form. This information should be typed or printed very neatly.

PLANTS OF NEBRASKA

Scientific name: *Abutilon theophrasti* Medic.  
Common name: velvetleaf  
County of collection: Lancaster County  
Collection date: 6 September 2002  
Collector's name: Dan D. Lion  
Collection number: 3  
Life cycle: annual

1. **Weed Identification Book** - Each book shall contain a total of 15 plant mounts and must include at least two of the following prohibited noxious weeds (Canada thistle, musk thistle, plumeless thistle, salt cedar, leafy spurge, purple loosestrife, diffuse knapweed, or spotted knapweed), and at least five weeds that are a problem primarily in lawns.
2. **Longevity Collection** - A collection of 6 perennial, 1 biennial, and 6 annual weeds selected from grasses, sedges, or forbs.
3. **Weed Identification Board** - This exhibit should display a collection of 20 weed species important to a particular county. The display board should be hinged in the middle with the total open width of 60" and height of 36". This display should be adequately labeled.