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British Herbaria - An Index to the Location of Herbaria of British Vascular Plants - Douglas Kent (1957). The Botanical Society of the British Isles.

New Edition?

We have received a request (reproduced below) to provide information for a new edition of this work. It may be, with the labours of the Collection Research Units well under way, that some discussion with the BSBI as to linking them in with FENSCORE would save the BSBI a great deal of time and expense. This would be especially true in terms of present costs of publication. Also, of course, the CRUs are collecting information on all herbaria, that is foreign vascular plants and non-vascular groups too, but requests for print-outs on the basis of *British vascular* herbaria can easily be met by machine processing of the data on file at Manchester and elsewhere.

REQUESTS

BRITISH AND IRISH HERBARIA

British Herbaria, an index to the location of herbaria of British vascular plants, with biographical references to their collectors, was published by the Botanical Society of the British Isles in 1958. Since then, data on many additional collections have been accumulated, and some information given has become outdated. The Society has, therefore, authorised the preparation of a new edition of the book with a view to its being published in 1983. Curators of herbaria at university botany departments, museums and other institutions are accordingly invited to submit to the undersigned data on collections in their care for inclusion in the revised edition. The information required is (1) Surname and full Christian names of collectors. (2) For deceased botanists, year of birth and of death, where known, alternatively approximate period when collection was made. (3) Approximate number of sheets in each herbarium or collection if known. A herbarium should be prefixed by an asterisk to distinguish it from smaller collections. (4) Any area of specialization, e.g. vice-county or smaller area, particular groups or genera studied, etc. Similar data in respect of herbaria in private hands is also solicited.

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Crabs and Crayfishes - an appeal for museum records

In 1973 distribution recording of British marine crabs was initiated by the Biological Records Centre and is operated by the Crustacea Section of the Natural History Museum, London. Sufficient data has been accumulated to allow production of species distribution maps of the British crab fauna. A final 'trawl' is being made for records held by field stations, university and provincial museums. Some curators have kindly provided information on their holdings of crab material and others are now encouraged to assist the recorders by indicating whether their institution has such material or records.

The organisers of the marine crab recording scheme are also updating the distribution of our endemic freshwater crayfish (*Austropotamobius pallipes* (Lereboullet)) and of alien species that have escaped from captivity. Records or specimens of crabs and crayfishes should be sent to the address given below. All specimens or records will be gratefully received and acknowledged.

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