

Wisconsin Natural Areas Preservation Council

GUIDELINES

Guidelines for the collection and disposition of lepidopteran specimens taken from Wisconsin State Natural Areas

- A. All persons shall hold a valid permit issued by the State Natural Areas Program before conducting research or collecting specimens on State Natural Areas (SNA).
- B. All collections shall be used for scientific or educational purposes only and not for private use or commercial profit. It is strongly urged that collected and retained specimens be deposited in a public institution for the purpose of providing a permanent record/voucher at a publicly-accessible centralized location. Specimens should be deposited at institutions designated as "official repositories" by the SNA Program; at present the Milwaukee Public Museum and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Duplicate specimens may be sent to additional repositories at the collector's discretion. It is further recommended that the researcher include a request for funds to cover specimen processing in any grant proposals.
- C. The SNA Program staff may at times, and at their discretion, require that specimens taken from SNAs be deposited in a public institution (e.g. when endangered or threatened species are taken incidentally). The requirement to deposit specimens will be indicated in the special conditions section of the research permit.
- D. Specimens should be deposited within two years (by April 1) following the field season of their collection. Extension of the deposition date may be granted by the SNA Program upon written request and justification by the researcher or if previously stipulated in the research permit.
- E. The researcher shall provide to the SNA Program a report on collecting activity on SNAs within two years (by April 1) of such activity. The report shall include the following data for collected and retained specimens: name of taxon (to the highest level determined), name of SNA where collected, date of collection, and when/where specimens were deposited..

Inclusion in the report of data describing species observed, but not collected, and species collected incidentally, but not retained, is encouraged but not required. The researcher is also encouraged to share recommendations for site management, suggestions for further research, and other information that would assist the SNA program with site protection.

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