

NOTE RE BRI HERBARIUM SHEET NUMBERS

I spoke with Alan Bolin at BRI today about the two numbers which appear on many BRI sheets (BRI Number and AQ Number).

The BRI Number, in a square stamp usually at the bottom of the sheet, is NOT the current BRI accession number. Before the days of databasing specimens, this stamp was used to identify BRI collections and provide a sheet number.

Once BRI started databasing specimens they started using AQ (Accession Queensland) Numbers. These are what BRI uses as accession numbers in their database. These numbers are usually at the top right hand corner of the sheet, and/or on the label, or on the back of the sheet and may not have the prefix AQ. If it is on the back of the sheet there should be an asterisk on the top right hand corner of the front of the sheet.

With sheets that have both kinds of numbers, BRI do **not keep any record** in their database of the BRI Number at the bottom of the sheet except for type specimens. They record only the AQ Number. Recent accessions do not have a BRI Number at all, only the AQ Number.

The AQ Number should be cited in literature, when required, as AQ... The BRI Number should not be cited.

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