Conserving the Flora of Missouri and Beyond: 
*Ex situ* conservation of Missouri’s Flora in the Missouri Botanical Garden Seed Bank

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Missouri Botanical Garden (MBG) established a seed bank in 2012 with the goals of 1) centralizing institutional long-term collections and 2) collecting and conserving samples of Missouri’s entire flora. Species are targeted for collection using a wide range of factors including state and global conservation status, ecoregion fragility, redundancy in *ex situ* collections, and additional institutional priorities. Data associated with all accessions are recorded in a web-based Living Collections Management System (LCMS) as well as provided to state and local agencies to support their conservation efforts. The MBG seed bank currently holds 3,863 accessions of 761 different taxa including 32 globally imperiled or critically imperiled species. About 27% (564 taxa) of Missouri’s flora is stored in the seed bank, including 64 Species of Conservation Concern. Future directions include expanding our collection focus outside of Missouri, and supporting capacity building in seed banks around the world.