

# DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS

## CONFIDENTIALITY & COMMITMENT FORM REGARDING LOCATIONS OF RARE SPECIES

Rare species are threatened for many reasons. These threats range from poaching of showy plants and fruits to loss of habitat. Unfortunately, poaching occurs all too frequently. Even those who only wish to view rare plants may damage habitat by creating social trails. In order to preserve our rare species and their habitats, it is important to maintain the confidentiality of their locations. As a staff member or volunteer with Denver Botanic Gardens, I am privileged to work directly with these plants, but this privilege brings with it the responsibility to keep the information confidential.

I understand that all information must be kept secure. I agree not to reveal the location of any rare species to others, including family and friends, who have not also signed this form or are legitimate managers of the site(s) I am visiting. I agree to have anyone participating in the visits to these sites with me to also sign this form. I agree not to remove or destroy any plant material, such as but not limited to: seeds, propagules, flowers, stems, leaves, or roots from the populations I visit except with an official written permit to do so.

I have participated in the required training and agree to turn in all my reporting documentation in a timely manner at the end of each field season. As a staff member or volunteer with Denver Botanic Gardens, if I become aware of any immediate threat to the population, I will notify the land manager and/or Denver Botanic Gardens Director of Research and Conservation immediately.

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Signature

Date

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PRINT NAME

*This contract is permanent. It only needs to be signed once regardless of the number of years or sites you monitor. This contract remains in place even if you terminate your involvement with Denver Botanic Gardens.*

*A copy of this form will be kept on file with Denver Botanic Gardens.*