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IF we can be of any further assistance, the following persons will be pleased to provide you with information and advice



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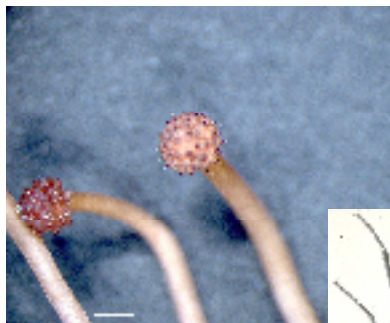
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Biosystematics Division Identification Service

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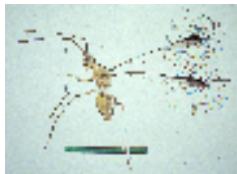
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Identification Service

The Biosystematics Division provides a comprehensive specimen identification service of insects, mites, spiders, nematodes and fungi.

- Consignments containing 20 or more samples will be accepted by prior arrangement only.
- Specimens should be submitted in a good state of preservation. Properly prepared material can be dealt with more promptly. Preferred methods of preparation vary from group to group, and clients should contact the relevant person, listed below, for more information. To assist clients, the Division has published a guide titled *How to Collect and Preserve Insects and Arachnids*, which may be ordered from the address below.



- **All** specimens should be clearly labeled with information on the locality, date collected, collector and any other relevant biological information, such as host-plant/substrate etc.
- **All** material should be accompanied by a submission form, available from the Division.
- **C**lients should specify, on submission of material, to which level identification is required.
- **T**o facilitate identification, sufficient material should be submitted.
- **A**dditional charges may be levied; to cover costs incurred in the preparation of specimens.
- **S**pecimens are only returned on request, for which an additional cost for postage and packaging will apply.
- **V**oucher specimens will be retained in the reference collections of the Biosystematics Division.
- **T**he client will be informed should expertise be lacking, but available elsewhere. The client may then request the Division to subcontract the work to another organization. A top priority service is available for immediate identification at twice the standard rate.
- **C**harges are reviewed periodically, without prior notification and are available on request.

The Division, in addition to specimen identification, provides comprehensive biosystematic services in entomology, arachnology, nematology and mycology.

These include:

- **A**nalyses of plant and soil samples for the detection of plant parasitic nematodes, mites and phytopathogenic fungi
- **P**rovision of pure nematode and fungal cultures for research purposes
- **I**nformation on the taxonomy, biology and biogeography of pests, fungal pathogens and natural enemies, as well as the provision of taxon-based checklists, some of which are available in electronic form
- **T**axonomic investigations and biodiversity surveys and inventories
- **T**echnical training in taxonomy and the identification of organisms
- **P**ublications include identification guides and manuals, taxonomic and biological catalogues and indices, taxonomic revisions and other articles in scientific journals

