

# NYBG Virtual Volunteer

## Notes From Nature - TALK - Tips for Commenting

Add **#hashtags** to your “Done & Talk” comments to indicate issues encountered while transcribing herbarium labels, and flag your annotations for others to see!

### General ID

#nybg  
#error  
#question  
@czimmerman

### *Tag for...*

all NYBG specimens  
all specimens with data entry issue (see below)  
comments featuring a specific question  
Send me a direct email with your comment!

### Field names

#country  
#state  
#county  
#location  
#elevation

### *Tag for...field(s) not entered (or partially entered) bc issues below*

#latlong  
#collectorname  
#collectornumber  
#othercollectors  
#date

### Common issues

#handwriting  
#focus  
#unclear  
#field

### *Tag for...*

text is not legible bc handwriting  
text is not legible bc poor image focus / resolution  
label info is very ambiguous  
field cannot hold the requested data on this label

**NOTE: Do NOT annotate with #hashtags when data is missing**

### **Example 1:**

You transcribe all fields for an NYBG specimen, except the collector's name and collector number appear completely illegible due to poor handwriting. LEAVE THOSE FIELDS BLANK.

**YOUR TALK ENTRY:**     #nybg #error #collectorname #collectornumber #handwriting

### **Example 2:**

You transcribe all fields for an NYBG specimen, except some parts of location appear difficult to read due to poor handwriting. Specifically the name of the nearest town is clearly written, but what appear to be more specific directions are less clear. Type in the parts of location that can be read accurately with ~90% or greater certainty, and replace completely indecipherable words or phrases with "[?]". Include a copy of all text entered into fields with marked issues as part of your comment (shown below).

**YOUR TALK ENTRY:**     #nybg #error #location "**your entered text for location**" #handwriting