

SA #1	Getting Started - "People Matters" because People DO Matter
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WELCOME: If you have arrived at this site even before the first class meets, you may be planning to get an early start with text and materials for BIO 2500, General Botany. I look forward to getting acquainted with you and your class for this Fall Semester. I value very highly the quality of personal friendship and comradery which God has enabled me to develop with students in my 29 years at Cedarville and I am anticipating great opportunities for this year as well.

PEOPLE MATTER: Because people matter in our teaching at Cedarville, we will be devoting most of our first class meeting to "people matters" such as getting acquainted, formation of "cooperative learning groups," and general discussion of our responsibilities. Therefore, our emphasis in this Study Assignment (SA #1) has little to do with course content. However, if you came to this website with the intention to get a head start in General Botany, the links below will be helpful.

TEXTS:

Because of suitable weather for field botany and ecology labs in August to early October, I will be introducing some ecology along with the "field botany." Dr. Mark Gathany will then be using the text in BIO 2600 General Ecology, in Spring. Here are the texts with a brief commentary:

Stern, K.R., J.E. Bidlack, S.H. Jansky. 2008. *Introductory Plant Biology*. 11th ed. McGraw-Hill, Boston, MA

[I was unable to gain assurance from the CU bookstore or from my study of internet book sources that the 10th edition would be available in sufficient quantity to assure that all students could successfully acquire a copy considering the great popularity of this text. Therefore, I will teach from the 11th ed. and request that you to invest in this edition for your use if you wish to avoid frustration of some differences in page numbers and content.]

Molles, M.C. Jr. 2008. *Ecology: Concepts and Applications*, 4th ed. McGraw-Hill, Boston, MA
[We will use parts of this text in Fall Semester; Dr. Gathany will use it as the principal text in General Ecology, Spring Semester.]

Barnes, B.V. & W.H. Wagner, Jr. 1981 or 2004. *Michigan Trees...* U. of Michigan Press, Ann Arbor, MI. [This text is used as a resource in BIO 3520 and BIO 3610 or may be resold easily.]

Silvius, J.E. 2008. *General Botany Laboratory Manual*. Cedarville University. To be sold through the bookstore at cost of printing. These should be available by August 15.

I'll be glad to answer your questions: My office is ENS 272, or e-mail silviusj@cedarville.edu

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