
Botanical illustrations for Philip A. Munz publications

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Botanical illustrations for Philip A. Munz publications

Dates: 1935-1974

Collection Number: P.7

Creator/Collector: Munz, Philip A. (Philip Alexander), 1892-1974 Beasley, Dick, 1934-1992 Craig, Thomas Theodore Cross, Rodman Janish, Jeanne R. Liao, Shue-Huei Shaw, Richard J. Tillett, Stephen S. Zornes, James Milford, 1908-2008

Extent: 4.4 linear feet (6 boxes)

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Abstract: The collection consists of original black-and-white botanical illustrations for multiple books by Philip A. Munz on the flora of California. Artists include Dick Beasley, Thomas Craig, Rodman Cross, Jeanne Janish, Shue-Huei Liao, Richard J. Shaw, Stephen Tillett, Milford Zornes, and others.

Language of Material: English

Access

The collection is open to research, except for Box 6, which requires additional processing. A full inventory is available for Boxes 1-5 upon request. Contact the repository for access.

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Preferred Citation

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Acquisition Information

The collection was donated by Philip A. Munz.

Biography/Administrative History

Born in Saratoga, Wyoming, Philip A. Munz (1892-1974) was an American botanist, educator, administrator, and author. Although he was trained as an entomologist, Munz learned botany while teaching at Pomona College in Claremont, California beginning in 1917. After a short stint as professor of botany at Cornell University, Munz returned to Southern California to become director of Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden (California Botanic Garden) in 1946, where he remained until his retirement in 1960. In addition to publishing monographs on Onagraceae and Delphinium, Munz was the author of *A Manual of Southern California Botany* (1935), *A California Flora* (1963), *A Flora of Southern California* (1974), and four popular plant guides for general readers known as the California Wildflower Books.

Scope and Content of Collection

The collection consists of original black-and-white botanical illustrations used in multiple books on the flora of California authored by Philip A. Munz, including *A Manual of Southern California Botany* (1935), *A California Flora* (1959), *California Spring Wildflowers* (1961), *California Desert Wildflowers* (1962), *California Mountain Wildflowers* (1963), *Shore Wildflowers of California, Oregon, and Washington* (1964), and *A Flora of Southern California* (1974). Illustrators include Dick Beasley, Thomas Craig, Rodman Cross, Jeanne R. Janish, Shue-Huei Liao, Richard J. Shaw, Stephen Tillett, Milford Zornes, and some unknown artists. Most sets of illustrations are incomplete.

Indexing Terms

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