



Ayudas taxonómicas en internet

La siguiente información ha sido compilada por Julia Scher y Terrence Walters, USDA APHIS, PPQ - CPHST at Fort Collins, Colorado, USA.



ID Source (<http://idsource.colostate.edu>) is a specialized portal to over 2,000 identification-themed websites that cover plant pests, diseases, and weeds, with powerful search options for honing in on the right websites (“ID Aids”) for identification, screening, and detection. These web-based ID Aids are selected, thoroughly reviewed, and categorized so that users can search for them by pest name, commodity focus, geographic region, and more. ID Source’s ID Aids are a diverse set that includes, e.g., image galleries, fact sheets, screening aids, keys, and molecular data.

ID Source was created because within the vast collection that is the World Wide Web we find scientists such as taxonomists increasingly publishing content. This means new websites containing tools for identification of plant pest organisms and diseases are continually being released. But finding the trustworthy and valuable sites among these websites can be a frustrating and often fruitless challenge. ID Source was conceived as a gateway into this identification-themed subset of the web by helping in two major ways: ID Source users are saved from having to search the entire Internet because they search only on a selected collection of sites, and ID Source’s ID Aids are vetted for quality and relevant content. Users can thus search in meaningful ways through a set of worthwhile ID Aid websites.

By helping people quickly and efficiently get to the identification help they need, ID Source supports the protection of agriculture and natural resources from the entry and spread of invasive plant pest organisms, both within the U.S. and internationally.

Finally, ID Source was designed to grow through user participation by offering easy ways to suggest ID Aids, rate and review ID Aids, and provide feedback. User participation is central to the vision of ID Source; the more users contribute, the more valuable ID Source will become for its entire user community.