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# **BOTANISTS AND PLANT EXPLORATION ON THE PACIFIC COAST OF NORTH AMERICA: A BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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This compilation is intended to be both a dictionary and a bibliography of selected literature on the individuals who made significant contributions to our floristic knowledge of the vascular plants (lycophytes, ferns, conifers, and flowering plants) of the Pacific Coast of North America north of Mexico. These were the botanists (professional and amateur), explorers, and others who went into the field, sometimes at great peril, to collect the specimens that now reside in our herbaria and that formed the basis of our understanding of the flora of our region. I have used the past tense because I have limited this bibliography to botanists who are no longer with us. This compilation has a California-Oregon-Washington emphasis. I am more familiar with the people and the literature of that portion of the coast. I have included a number of more broadly-based overviews of plant exploration. In a separate section, I have attempted to compile the literature relating to the important voyages and expeditions.

This bibliography is divided into the following sections: (1) general reviews; (2) the botanists; and (3) the voyages, expeditions, and government surveys.

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