

**SA #1****Getting Started - "People Matters"  
because People DO Matter**

**WELCOME:** If you have arrived at this site even before the first class meets, this may be my first opportunity to welcome you to BIO 2130 General Botany and Ecology. I am looking 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 26 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 with each other, formation of "cooperative learning groups," and general discussion of our responsibilities. Therefore, our emphasis in this Study Assignment (SA #1) is not so much upon course content as simply "people matters" that need to be addressed. However, if you came to this website with the intention to get a head start in General Botany and Ecology, the links below will be helpful.

**TEXTS AND RESOURCES:**

If you wish to get a head start on obtaining your texts and other resources, the list below provides a helpful listing with comments. Note that the text by Molles has changed editions and I recommend that you purchase the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition which will probably be used in 2006 as well. It is "inconveniently possible" to use the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition if you wish. Stern, 9<sup>th</sup> ed. can be purchased used.

**Texts Required before Midterm:**

- ★ Molles, M.C. Jr. 2002. *Ecology: Concepts and Applications*, 3rd ed. McGraw-Hill, Boston.
- ★ Barnes, B.V. & W.H. Wagner, Jr. 1981. *Michigan Trees*. U. of M. Press, Ann Arbor.
- ★ Silvius, J.E. 2005. *Laboratory Manual for General Botany and Ecology*. Cedarville Univ.

**★ Resources provided by Internet or Loaned by the University:**

Silvius, J.E. 2005 *General Botany Study Guide* available at my home page, <http://www.cedarville.edu/employee/silviusj/index.htm> and select "Course Syllabi & Study Aids," then "General Botany and Ecology," then, "Course Schedule and Study Guides." Here, you will see a page similar to page 6 of your Course Syllabus; but which provides hot links to the Study Guides.  
Hint: Make a bookmark (Favorite) to return again conveniently.

- ★ Newcomb, L. 1977. *Newcomb's Wildflower Guide*. Little, Brown, and Co. Boston, MA.

**Texts Required after Midterm:**

- ★ Stern, K.R. et al. 2003. *Introductory Plant Biology*. 9th ed. McGraw-Hill, Boston, MA

**STUDY PLAN:** To obtain helpful suggestions in developing an effective Study Plan, please return to the BIO 2130 General Botany and Ecology Home Page. Then, under "Lecture Resources," click on "[Reading and Study Plan](#)."