OpenSites: exploring their abilities

OpenHerbarium and OpenZooMuseum are web sites run by Symbiota, software that can bring together information from:

1. Specimen records and images;
2. Images of living plants;
3. Descriptions from different sources and in different languages;
4. Georeferenced observations;
5. Nomenclatural information;
6. Morphological data.

As collections and contributors share resources with the sites, the sites will become increasingly valuable to all users. Learning how to contribute can be an effective tool for learning about organisms and how to use informatics tools to study organisms.

Exploring the OpenSites

This document looks at what *any* visitor to the two sites can do.

Home page (Tab 1)

The banner has 9 tabs (see below), each of which connects to a different part of the site.

Note that the green button says, "Sign in". It changes to "Sign out" when someone signs in. This document provides a summary of what each part offers to people *without* an account (and those who have not signed in).
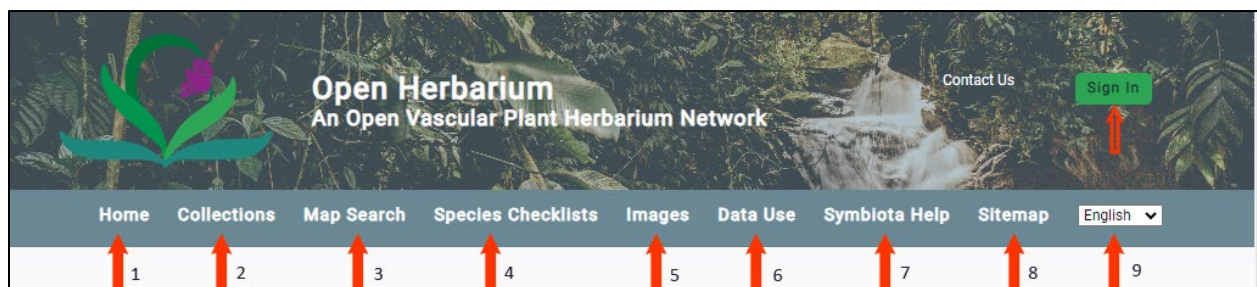

Fig. 1 Tabs on home page.

Tab 1. Home page

This page summarizes what the site offers, a link for contacting the person in charge of the site, and thanks the organizations whose *financial* support made creation of the site possible.

Use the contact information if you have a question the person in charge of the collection where you work cannot answer and for which you cannot find an answer online.

The "Exploring" portion of the manual has been divided into separate documents based on these tabs to reduce their size.