

# Reliability of Final Identification

## Sources of Information

Reliability	Sources of Information			
	Collector/Identifier	Technical identification	Location/Date	Recording/Publication
	Taxonomic specialist	Discriminating biochemical or molecular test	Delimiting or detection surveys	NPPO record/RPPO (Regional Plant Protection Organization) publication (only if peer-reviewed)
	Professional specialist/diagnostician	Specimen or culture maintained in official collection; taxonomic description by specialist	Other field or production surveys	Peer-reviewed scientific or refereed technical journal
	Scientist	Specimen in general collection	Casual or incidental field observation, possibly with no defined location/date	Official historical record
	Technician	Description and photo	Observation with or in products or by-products; interception	Scientific or technical journal (not peer-reviewed)
	Expert amateur	Visual description only	Precise location and date not known	Specialist amateur publication
LESS — ↓	Nonspecialist	Method of identification not known		Unpublished scientific or technical document
	Collector/identifier not known			Nontechnical publication  Personal communication; unpublished