

## **Economic Botany in a Distance Learning Environment**

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The interdisciplinary nature of economic botany should make it an appropriate choice for a distance learning course. The following is based on an elective offering in economic botany at a community college. Structured modules help to ease students into the necessary software environment. A major consideration in distance learning is to create an interactive atmosphere and hence, a class room “presence.” Multiple hot links to Internet resources, discussion sessions, and student submission of images (or objects to scan and view) help to make the course a participatory experience for those taking it.