

# What's New in BG-Map 2015 and How to Access the New Features

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**Note:** See also [What's New in BG-Map 2014b](#)

**Note:** The User's Manual and Help Screens will provide more detail. Here is a summary.

## Web-VQF Users Can Map Plants Using Tablets

### What it Does

Using the BG-Map Web Interface, staff can map or remap plants using the web browser in their tablet or desktop computer. After accessing a plant record and entering a BG-Map user name and password, staff can simply touch the map to map or remap a plant.

Using the geolocation capability of Web-VQF, the user's current location is displayed along with the locations of existing mapped plants to aid in locating the new plant.

### How to Access

- ❖ In Web-VQF Setup, go to the Administrative page, and check the option: "Allow Mapping Plants at Staff Plants Level."
- ❖ You may also wish to enable Geolocation.

## Added Fields: Curator's Comments, Interesting Facts and Products Made

### What it Does

These new fields, applied at the taxon level, can be added to Plant List Formats and may be of particular interest to visitors using Web-VQF or VQF.

- ❖ Curator's Comments
- ❖ [Interesting Facts About This Plant](#)
- ❖ [Products Made From This Plant](#)

### How to Access

- ❖ From the Tools Menu, select "Enter Additional NAMES Data."
- ❖ After selecting a plant names, click "More."

## **New User Preferences**

### What it Does

It allows you to set individual user preferences for:

- ❖ Don't Prompt for Saving Basemap when exiting BG-Map
- ❖ Don't automatically set AutoCAD defaults when locating plants for:
  - Ortho Mode
  - Snap Mode
  - Object Snap Mode
- ❖ Maximize the AutoCAD window when starting BG-Map
- ❖ Show recently mapped plants in a different color.

### How to Access

From the Tools menu, select Options/User Preferences.

## **In Web-VQF, the Visitors Map Can Be Rotated**

### What it Does

It allows you to rotate the orientation of the map displayed in Visitor Mode in Web-VQF so that it is different from the orientation of your working basemap.

The map can be rotated in 90 degree increments.

### How to Access

- ❖ In Web-VQF Setup, go to the Visitors Map page and select the desired rotation.
- ❖ Then regenerate the tile script and map tiles.

## **Add Abbreviated Names to *BG-BASE* From Within BG-Map**

### What it Does

It allows you to update the *BG-BASE* NAMES file with an abbreviated plant name while in BG-Map.

### How to Access

Before performing the following action, users will need to enter their *BG-BASE* login name and password. The authorization remains in effect as long as the user remains logged into BG-Map.

- ❖ From the Tools Menu, select “Enter Additional NAMES Data.”
- ❖ After selecting a plant names, enter an abbreviated name in the space provided, and save.

## Other New Features and Improvements

- ❖ Improvements to Web-VQF Mobile Interface
- ❖ Inserting Plants Into Map has been Streamlined
- ❖ Nurseries can be Linked to Names of Unmapped Plants
- ❖ Snapshot Book Maps Show Location Descriptions in Addition to Location Code
- ❖ Horticultural Work Orders can be Linked to *BG-BASE* Check Notes
- ❖ When Assigning Layers for NPO Symbols, a Selection List of Available Layers is Displayed by Right-Clicking
- ❖ User-Defined Symbols Added as an Option for View on the Fly
- ❖ User-Defined Symbols are Easier to Set Up, and a Thumbnail Preview is Provided
- ❖ Dead Plants are Excluded When Listing Inactive Plants
- ❖ Newly Mapped Plants can be Shown in a Different Color (See “User Preferences” above)
- ❖ Various Other Bug Fixes and Improvements

**BG-Map** Botanical Garden Mapping System

Mapping the world... one plant at a time

For up to date information, visit the BG-Map Users Support Website at [www.bg-map.com/userdata](http://www.bg-map.com/userdata)

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