

CAREX IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP

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Historic Yates Mill County Park
Raleigh, NC

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Plant Identification Services

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Workshop Overview

There are more than 100 species of sedges in the genus *Carex* and many of them are dominant herbs in Piedmont wetlands. Although many consider *Carex* species identification difficult, one can reasonably expect to learn to identify at least 20 of the more common species during this two-day workshop. The ability to identify these species is indispensable for workers using the Prevalence Index Method of Hydrophytic Vegetation Determination recently proposed by the US Army Corps of Engineers. This method requires that at least 80% of the vegetative cover in each vegetation stratum is identified to species. Identifying *Carex* also facilitates mitigation planting, wildlife habitat evaluation, academic research, and enjoyment of nature.

Instructor

Dr. Jon Stucky has been on the faculty of the Department of Plant Biology of North Carolina State University (NCSU) for 35 years. Dr. Stucky belongs to the NCSU Academy of Outstanding Teachers. He has taught/co-taught NCSU courses including Wetland Flora, Local Flora, Grasses/Sedges/Rushes, and Wetland Delineation, Assessment, and Regulation. He has also taught workshops to wetland professionals on topics including wetland plant identification, winter plant identification, and hydrophytic vegetation determination. Dr. Stucky's research involves the floristics and conservation of wetlands and rare plant species conservation.

Registration

The number of workshop participants will be limited so each can receive individual attention. Workshop space will be reserved on a "first come, first serve" basis according to date of receipt of completed registration form and payment of \$425. The registration period will begin in January, 2009, and last until May 22. Registrants will receive expert instruction, course materials, lunches, refreshments, field trip transportation, and a workshop certificate.

Registrants must provide their own 10X or greater magnifying hand lens and a sharp pocket or sheath knife. Suggested sources for hand lenses include

- www.gemplers.com: 16X doublet magnifier
- Carolina Biological Supply; 1-800-334-5551; 10X doublet magnifier
- REI or other outdoor supply stores

In addition to the items above, consider bringing a camera with a lens for closeup photos. Of course, come ready to fieldtrip in rain and heat and with insects.

Cancellations

Cancellations received on or before May 22 will receive a refund minus a \$100 service charge. Refunds can not be given for cancellations received after May 22. If you must cancel late, you may arrange with Plant Identification Services (plantid@nc.rr.com) to send a replacement participant.

Meeting Location and Convenient Lodging

- The workshop will be held at Historic Yates Mill County Park, 4620 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh, NC. Directions: from I-440, take exit #297. Go south on Lake Wheeler Road for 2.8 miles. Entrance is on the right. Workshop classroom is in the A.E. Finley Center.
- Days Inn South Garner, 3901 S. Wilmington St., Raleigh, NC, 919.772.8900; Holiday Inn Express, 1595 Mechanical Blvd. Garner, NC, 919.662.4890; Wingate Inn, 1542 Mechanical Blvd. Garner, NC; 919.779.7441

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