

COASTAL PLAIN WETLAND PLANT IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP

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Workshop Overview

Participants in this 3 - day workshop will be shown how to identify common Coastal Plain wetland species even when they don't have flowers or fruits. The ability to identify these plants facilitates wetland delineation, functional assessment, restoration, monitoring, landscape design, and academic research. Environmental consultants, wetland regulators, horticulturalists, academicians, and others interested in wetland biology and conservation will benefit from this workshop, even if they have little previous experience identifying plants.

The workshop will also include instruction on (1) plant structure, (2) scientific names, (3) wetland plant identification resources, and (4) identification keys. There will be a fieldtrip each day to sites including salt marsh, pocosin, cypress swamp, and hardwood river swamp.

Instructor

Dr. Jon Stucky has been on the faculty of the Department of Plant Biology of North Carolina State University (NCSU) for 35 years. He belongs to the NCSU Academy of Outstanding Teachers. He has taught NCSU courses including Wetland Flora, Local Flora, Grasses/Sedges/Rushes, and Wetland Delineation, Assessment, and Regulation. Dr. Stucky has 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 \$650. The registration period will begin in January, 2009, and last until September 28. Registrants will receive expert instruction, course materials, lunches, refreshments, field trip transportation, and a workshop certificate.

Registrants must provide their own 10X 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 September 28 will receive a refund minus a \$100 service charge. Refunds can not be given for cancellations received after Sept. 28. If you must cancel late, you may arrange with Plant Identification Services (plantid@nc.rr.com) to send a replacement participant.

Location

Workshop participants will convene at 9:00AM on October 13 at the picnic shelter in Lawson Park in New Bern. Lawson Park is located at the intersection of US 70 and Country Club Rd. (Pembroke Rd.) on the north side of US 70. This intersection is approximately a half mile west of the Trent River Bridge. Entrance to the park is off of Country Club Rd. The workshop will utilize fieldtrip sites at Cool Springs Environmental Educational Center near Askin and the Croatan National Forest. Lodging is available at local motels in Havelock and New Bern.

Information

Contact Jon Stucky at plantid@nc.rr.com or 919.801.4770 (cell).

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