

A PRIMER ON SEDGES, RUSHES, AND GRASSES

Course Instructor: John J. Mack
Course location: Hiram College, Ohio and nearby sites
Cost: \$195.00 (\$125 government)
Dates: June 25-26, 2010

Description. Despite their abundance and critical importance in wetland ecosystems, little training is available in the identification of sedges (Cyperaceae), rushes (Juncaceae) and grasses (Poaceae). This is a two day class focusing on breaking into the difficult terminology of learning to identify sedges, rushes, and grasses typically found in wetlands of the midwest and northeast.

Texts and equipment. Students are responsible for bringing the following texts to the class: *Manual of the Vascular Plants of Northeastern United States and Adjacent Canada*, 2nd Edition, (Gleason and Cronquist 1991); *The Illustrated Companion to Gleason and Cronquist's. Manual* (Holmgren et al. 1998) (These can be purchased as a set for \$150 directly from the publisher (New York Botanical Garden Press) by calling 718-817-8957) and *How to Identify Grasses and Grasslike Plants* (Harrington 1977). Students should also have a 10x handlens, preferable a Hastings Triplet.

Location: The course will be taught at the James H. Barrow Field Station of Hiram College, Hiram. Hiram is only 10 minutes from Ohio Turnpike (I80) exit 193 and is less than 45 minutes from the Cleveland-Hopkins and Akron-Canton Airports.

Lodging: Lodging is available on campus (contact rosejp@hiram.edu), B&B's in Hiram (<http://www.hiram.edu/visitors/gettingtohiram.html>), in nearby Streetsboro (<http://streetsborooh.cu.myareaguide.com/hotels.html>) and Punderson State Park (<http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/parks/parks/punderson.htm>) in Newbury. Go to <http://www.hiram.edu/visitors/gettingtohiram.html> for information on local food and lodging or in nearby Garrettsville or Mantua.

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