

SEDGES and RUSHES

(see also AQUATIC (NON-MARINE) AND WETLAND PLANTS AND ALGAE section)

Clarke I (2015) Name those Grasses. Identifying grasses, sedges and rushes. Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne, Vic. 536 pp. ISBN 9780980407648.

A ‘how to identify’ guide for these groups, rather than a comprehensive species guide, although many common species are used as examples. As with Clark & Lee’s (2003) general *Name that Flower*, this is a fabulous primer for improving your identification skills – in this case in three large groups that are often found intimidating. The sedge and rush content is enough to be very useful for those groups. Illustrated throughout with excellent and well-labelled line drawings that help to decrypt the most difficult characters.

Hollister C & Thiele K (DATE?) A key to the Western Australian species in the family Restionaceae.

ELECTRONIC RESOURCE: ON-LINE INTERACTIVE:

<http://florabase.dpaw.wa.gov.au/keys/>. Required software installable from site.

Runs on the user-friendly Lucid 3 system (Java). A key to all species of the family (in the broad sense) in WA. [NOT EVALUATED]

Johns L (2014) Field guide to common saltmarsh plants of Queensland. 3rd ed. Queensland Dept of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation, Brisbane. 76 pp. [ISBN lacking].

[Free hardcopies on request: call 13 25 23, or see

<http://www.angfaqld.org.au/aqp/blog/2014/05/22/new-and-improved-guide-to-queenslands-saltmarsh-plants/>].

Covers 32 common species of succulents, grasses, rushes, and sedges, and a few shrubs. Plain-language descriptions and notes, fair to good colour photos. The 2006 and 2010 editions remain useful.

Klaphake V (2010) Guide to the sedges and rushes of Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Self-published (470 Bulli Creek Rd, Byabarra NSW 2446; phone 02 65871210). 83 pp. (No ISBN). Covers 168 species in the families Cyperaceae, Juncaceae, Restionaceae (*sens. lat.*), Eriocaulaceae, and Centrolepidaceae. Simple keys, with minimal text and lots of fair line drawings to illustrate species and key characters. Previous editions, with less content, were titled “*Key to the commoner species of sedges and rushes of Sydney and the Blue Mountains*”.

Meney KA & Pate JS (eds.) (1999) Australian rushes – biology, identification and conservation of Restionaceae and allied families. University of Western Australia Press, Nedlands, WA & Australian Biological Resources Study, Canberra. 486 pp. ISBN 1876268018.

Covers the families Restionaceae, Anarthriaceae and Ecdeiocoleaceae – does *not* include the Juncaceae. Identification keys (separate for eastern and western Australia), plus short clear descriptions, excellent line drawings for all species, and good notes. Introductory sections on biology, taxonomy and conservation. Now partly out of date (there are many recent species and new generic and family classifications), but there is no single replacement at the same scale

Rose H, Rose C, & Rose T (2011) Legumes and herbs of coastal NSW. NSW Dept of Industry & Investment. (Enquiries: Tocal College, Paterson NSW 2141; ph 02 4939 8888, email

info@tocal.com). 196 pp. ISBN 9781742560656.

Ringbound field guide covering almost 180 common non-grass herbaceous species, including some ferns, sedges, rushes, pea-flowers and a wide variety of other families, arranged by flower colour. Short descriptive and other notes and fair quality colour photos.

Sharpe PR (1986) Keys to Cyperaceae, Restionaceae, and Juncaceae of Queensland.

Queensland Department of Primary Industries, Brisbane. (Queensland Botany Bulletin 5) 73 pp. ISBN 0724222677.

Good glossary, user-friendly keys, and excellent line illustrations of the species.