



LEARN TO IDENTIFY TROPICAL RAINFOREST PLANTS

The Australian Tropical Herbarium and the Wet Tropics Management Authority are once again presenting Australian Tropical Rainforest Plants – Plant Identification Short Courses.

Our courses are open to the public, and teach skills in rainforest plant I.D.

In 2012, we will be presenting courses in Cairns, and a special residential course in Paluma.

Introductory, Advanced and Weed Identification courses are scheduled in the latter half of this year. For groups of five or more, we can run specially tailored two or three day plant identification courses.



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Australian Tropical Rainforest Plants – Plant Identification Short Course Series 2012

The short courses, presented by the Australian Tropical Herbarium and the Wet Tropics Management Authority will introduce participants to the skills and resources needed for rainforest plant identification.

Three different short course modules will be presented, each focusing on a different aspect of the Wet Tropics' large and diverse flora. Participants in each short course will receive a statement of attendance.

A degree of computer literacy is required to participate in these courses.

Rainforest Plant Identification (Introductory)

Targetted at the interested layperson, this three day introductory short course will cover:

- What is a rainforest?
- How are plants named?
- Plant structure and terminology.
- A walking tour of a nearby rainforest.
- How to identify rainforest plant families in the field.
- Hands-on learning through identification of local native plants.

Rainforest Plant Identification (Advanced)

For those with an interest in further honing their plant ID skills, this one day course builds on what was presented in

the introductory course. This short course teaches you to describe the rainforest flowers and fruits, and how an understanding of a flower's structure can be used to enhance your plant identification skills.

Weeds of the Rainforest

This two day introductory short course will be of interest to persons involved in weed management within tropical rainforest environments. It will cover:

- What is a weed?
- How are plants named?
- Plant structure and terminology.
- Hands-on learning identification of local weeds.

Where and When?

In 2012, we'll be running courses in Cairns and Paluma. Details of dates and costs are given on the registration form.

Registrations close one week before the course date.

Special Group Bookings

For groups of five or more, we can run specially tailored, two or three day plant identification courses at your venue. Please contact us to discuss details. Telephone 4042 1837 or email enquiry@ath.org.au.

Register and pay online at

<https://alumni.jcu.edu.au/PIW2012>

or

Fill out the registration form on the following pages.

Reminder: Course registrations close a week before the course date.

For more information, contact the Australian Tropical Herbarium on:

Tel. (07) 4042 1837, or email: enquiry@ath.org.au.

Our partners:



Plant Identification Short Course Registration Form

Course details (all venues except Paluma)

Courses will run from 9 am to 4 pm on the advertised dates.

Course price includes:

- Morning tea and lunch
- Participant's workbook
- Hand lens (not included in Advanced module)

Course details (Paluma)

The Paluma course will be a special long weekend course. Participants will arrive at James Cook University's Paluma house on the evening of Thursday 22 November, and join us for dinner at 7.30 pm. Plant identification teaching will run from 9 am to 4 pm on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with participants departing on Sunday afternoon.

To keep prices down, course participants will need to bring their own bedding and towels. If you wish to find accommodation elsewhere in Paluma, we can offer a small discount on the course fees.

The course price includes:

- Morning tea and lunch and dinner for three days
- Participant's workbook
- Hand lens
- Three nights dormitory accommodation at James Cook University's Paluma house (optional)

Registration

Online registration and payment can be arranged through the website address given on the previous page. If you're not able to pay online, simply fill out the form on the following page, and post it to us.

Please advise us of any dietary restrictions when you enrol.

As these courses entail some low risk outdoor activities (easy-grade bushwalking and looking at plants), it is a requirement of participation that you provide acknowledgment of these risks and details of persons to be contacted in the event of an emergency. You will be expected to wear clothing and shoes suited to the conditions, and provide your own sunscreen, repellent and drinking water.

Once your registration is confirmed, we'll email or post further details of venue location and timing.

Cancellation Policy

A full refund will be given for cancellations made up to 72 hours (3 days) before course commencement. For cancellations less than 72 hours before course commencement (including no-shows) NO REFUND will be given UNLESS that place can be filled from the wait list, in which case a full refund will be given.

If fewer than five registrations are received the ATH reserves the right to cancel the course and will provide full refunds to registrants.

Which course are you attending (tick box)? All prices are GST inclusive.

23-25 Nov 2012	Paluma (accommodation included)	Introductory Module	\$528	<input type="checkbox"/>
23-25 Nov 2012	Paluma (no accommodation)	Introductory Module	\$495	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-5 Dec 2012	Cairns – James Cook University	Weeds Module	\$330	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name		Please fill out this form and the attached field trip induction form, and return with cheque or money order (payable to "James Cook University") to: "Plant Identification Short Course" Australian Tropical Herbarium Sir Robert Norman Building James Cook University PO Box 6811 Cairns QLD 4870 Fax: 4042 1842 Email: enquiry@ath.org.au Registrations received fewer than seven days before the course commencement date will not be accepted.
Street Address or PO Box		
Town/suburb		
Postcode		
Contact Number		
Fax (if available)		
Email Address		
Organisation		
Special dietary requirements?		

FIELD TRIP INDUCTION FORM FOR COURSE PARTICIPANTS

AUSTRALIAN TROPICAL HERBARIUM

DATE OF COURSE

VENUE

I hereby acknowledge that I have been informed of the nature of the field trip specified above and I am aware that participation in fieldwork may require walking off-track and/or long periods of time outdoors in tropical conditions, including exposure to heat, humidity and biting insects.

I accept full responsibility for my own behaviour and actions while on the field trip.

I agree to take all reasonable precautions to avoid hazards and I also agree to conform to all reasonable requests by the staff member in charge of the field trip. I understand my obligations to follow safety directives.

I am aware that it may be essential for other people other than myself to know about medical conditions which pertain to me, and that any information I provide to the staff member in charge of the field trip will be treated with the strictest confidence and not disclosed to anyone without my consent, except in the case of a medical emergency.

I am aware that the field trip first aid facilities do not include provision of medications such as analgesics, antihistamines, ventolin, insulin etc.

NAME

ADDRESS

SIGNATURE

Please specify the following:

Name, address and phone number of person to be contacted in the event of an accident:

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Phone ()

PLEASE HELP US IMPROVE OUR COURSE DELIVERY BY ANSWERING A FEW QUESTIONS (OPTIONAL)

How would you assess your plant identification skills?

Basic (e.g. interested layperson or gardener)

Moderate (e.g. sometimes identify plants as part of my job or hobby)

Advanced (regularly identify plants as part of my job or hobby)

Level of schooling completed?

Secondary

Tertiary

Current area of work (e.g. environmental consultant, student, retired, gardener, ranger, volunteer supervisor, etc.)
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