

Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

Tropical Plant Identification Course 2010



The **Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew** is organizing a two-week Tropical Plant Identification Course from 10 to 21 May 2010. The course has been designed for conservation and environment professionals, and is also suitable for graduate students, ethnobotanists, ecologists and zoologists.

Programme

Taught by Kew's botanists, all with an in-depth knowledge of the plants and habitats of the tropics, the course will give participants an overview of 70 of the most commonly encountered tropical plant families, as well as an introduction to plant morphology and identification tools. Through short illustrated lectures, and extensive hands-on practical sessions, Kew's botanists will demonstrate the key characters for each family, sharing their expert tips for identification. Students will join identification sessions focused on different regions in the tropics; and a visit to the living collections will provide a chance to apply this knowledge 'in the field'.

Duration and location

The course runs for two weeks from 9–5:30 every day (except weekends): classes are taught in the Kew department, Herbarium, Library, Art & Archives (situated next to the Main Gate to the Gardens); about 15 minutes' walk from Kew Gardens Underground station (District Line/London Overground) and 10 minutes' walk from Kew Bridge station (South West Trains).

Course costs

The course fee for non-Kew staff is £700: this covers teaching costs and course materials; funds for travel to Kew and subsistence must be sought elsewhere.

Applications for a place on the course should be made using the application form overleaf. Further information and copies of this poster can be obtained from the course coordinators: Tim Utteridge (t.utteridge@kew.org) or Gemma Bramley (g.bramley@kew.org).

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Please keep to one page: additional letters etc., can be attached or submitted electronically.

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| Email address | |
| Family name | |
| First name (s) | |
| Nationality | |
| Your curriculum vitae | |
| Academic background | |
| Research interests and experiences | |
| Your employment | |
| Current position within your organisation | |
| Name and address of your institution | |
| Telephone (include international code) | |
| Your promoter (All applications must be signed) | |
| Name of your manager/research group leader/promoter | |
| Promoter's signature and date | |
| Institution name and address | |
| E-mail address | |
| Your motivation (Please explain briefly why you wish to attend this course) | |
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| Please indicate the source of funding for the course fee | |
| Return to: Dr. T. Utteridge, Herbarium, Library, Art & Archives, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, TW9 3AE; e-mail: t.utteridge@kew.org | |
| Submit by 31 January 2010; please note that all applications must be signed by your promoter. | |