

# FOREST BOTANY COURSE (ONE-DAY) - 2010

## Background

The Forest Practices Authority will be running one-day Forest Botany courses in early June – courses will be run in the Northeast, Northwest and Southeast. The courses are aimed at field workers who need to identify forest species – but there will also be sessions on other aspects of the evolution, ecology, management and conservation of Tasmania's vegetation.

The course will be run by Fred Duncan assisted by other staff of FPA's Biodiversity Program.

Details of the course are summarised in the attached flyer. I would appreciate it if the flyer was circulated by managers/training officers to potentially interested people in their organisations. People who are interested in attending the course can contact FPA directly or, in larger organisations, registrations can be channelled through training officers or managers.

Further information can be obtained from FPA (contact details below). Registration details are also given below. The deadline for registration of interest is May 21. Previous courses have been heavily subscribed, so it may pay to register early.

People who register for the course will be contacted later with details of venues, what to bring etc.

## Dates and locations

Scheduled dates and locations are:

- 8 June (Tuesday) – Hobart
- 9 June (Wednesday) – Launceston
- 10 June (Thursday) – Burnie

Additional courses may be run in the South (8 June) and in the North (11 June) depending on interest. Venues have not yet been finalised.

Each course will run from 9.00am till about 4.30pm. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

## Who will find the course useful?

The course will be useful for Forest Practices Officers and other forest workers – FPOs need to have sufficient botanical skills to identify different forest types and the tree and understorey species that distinguish them. **The skills developed in the Forest Botany course are a prerequisite for accreditation as a FPO through the FPO-training course.**

The course may also be relevant for other people working in conservation and land management fields, including government agencies, consultants, NRM groups and other organisations, councils and landowners.

A certificate will be given to attendees.

## Topics to be covered

- **Flora of Tasmania** – evolution and diversity
- **Tasmanian eucalypts** – taxonomy, ecology and growth
- **Plant identification** – This is a major part of the course. There will be practical sessions (using many fresh specimens) on identification of eucalypts, other trees and major understorey species.
- **Patterns and processes in Tasmania's vegetation** – what influences the distribution of forest and non-forest communities in the landscape
- **Management and conservation of forests** – including legislative requirements (RFA, Forest Practices Code, threatened species); planning tools; effect of different forms of forest management

Participants can bring “Native Trees of Tasmania” (Kirkpatrick and Backhouse), Eucaflip or Treeflip if they have a copy – copies will also be available at the course.

A comprehensive set of notes will be provided to all participants. You can also bring along plant specimens you want identified.

## Course fee

The cost for accredited Forest Practices Officers and forest industry participants affiliated with FIAT (including Forestry Tas staff) is **\$140** (this is because of training support from FIAT).

The cost for other participants is **\$200**.

**The fee must be paid to FPA prior to commencement of the course.** The fee will be refunded for cancellations before June 1. The fee is not refundable for cancellations after this date. There is no problem with organising a “substitute” for people who have registered but cannot attend (but let FPA know before the course starts, if possible).

## Registration and further information

**The deadline for registering an expression of interest is 21 May.** We need to have a good idea of numbers at this date so we can organise venues, materials etc.

To register an expression of interest for this course, or for more information, please contact Adrienne Liddell at Forest Practices Authority:

Phone: 6237966; Fax: 62337954; Email: [info@fpa.tas.gov.au](mailto:info@fpa.tas.gov.au)

People who register for the course should provide information in the following format:

Name	Contact phone no.	Company/District/affiliation	FPO or FIAT affiliate? (Y or N)	Preferred course (Hbt, L'ton, B'nie)