

## Syllabus for BOT 2710: Practical Plant Taxonomy

*Fall Term, 2008*

**Location and time:** Lecture--Tu-Th 2<sup>nd</sup> period (Bartram 211)  
Laboratory—three sections (0611:Th afternoon; 1129: Fr morning; 0613: Fr afternoon; McCarty 3170); fourth section (departmental reserve)

**Instructor:** Dr. W. S. Judd; Office: 378 Dickinson Hall, when visiting stop and tell the receptionist that you want to see Dr. Judd; phone: 273-1983; message can also be left in departmental office (220 Bartram Hall) at 392-1175; e-mail: [wjudd@botany.ufl.edu](mailto:wjudd@botany.ufl.edu).

**Herbarium:** 379 Dickinson Hall. Herbarium library has useful book in on plant systematics and identification and is open between 9 and 5 (closed during lunch).

**Teaching Assistants:** Lucas Majure, Stein Servick; TA office hours to be announced.

**Dr. Judd's Office Hours:** Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:35—11:00 AM (or by appointment, or contact me during laboratory periods). Course website on botany homepage; see [www.botany.ufl.edu](http://www.botany.ufl.edu).

**Required Equipment:** two dissecting needles, single-edged razor blades; forceps. A 10X hand-lens is optional.

**Textbooks:** W. Judd et al., 2008. *Plant Systematics: A phylogenetic approach, Third Edition*. Sinauer Assoc., and J. A. Castner, 2004. *Photographic Atlas of Botany and Guide to Plant Identification*. Plus the "Laboratory Handouts" are available at Target Copy, Inc.

**Grading:** Grade based on total number of points (with 90% or above an A, 89-80% B, 79-70% C, 69-60 D, and 59% and below failing) on the following assignments:

- 2 tests (ca. 70 points each)
- 5 or 6 lab quizzes (15-20 points each)
- lab notebook (50 points; due on day of the final exam)
- lab practical (45-50 points)
- final exam (ca. 70 points)
- optional extra credit projects (keying—15 points; plant collection—15 points, based on a collection of 15 plants, pressed, dried, and identified, with labels, this due on Monday of exam week; see Appendix 2 of text for details of how to identify plants, and prepare a herbarium specimen.)

All test questions come from information presented in either lecture or laboratory.

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