

Online Courses in Field Botany, 2020: Mosses, Sedges, Woody Plants

Three online field courses, offered by Jerry Jenkins and the White Creek Field School, White Creek, New York, in partnership with the North Branch Nature Center, Montpelier, Vermont.

Designed as self-teaching exercises, taken where you are and at whatever pace you choose, with pictures and stories shared weekly with and commented on by the group by email.

Offered as a replacement for courses at Eagle Hill and North Branch that may not run this summer, or as a warm up for them if they do. And because, as always, nature delights, enlightens, and heals.

With space in each course for for 20 enrolled students who agree to do fieldwork and post weekly accounts of what they find; and for listeners-in, the more the merrier, who are welcome to chime in, but not expected to do field work or post.

Using digital atlases and charts developed by the Northern Forest Atlas Project, and the Northern Forest photographic guides, published by Cornell University Press.

Sponsored by the Northern Forest Atlas Foundation, and free to all participants. Co-hosted by the North Branch Nature Center as part of their beloved Biodiversity University. These are not easy times for small NGOs, and I encourage you to visit <https://northbranchnaturecenter.org/support-nature/> and support their resiliency fund.

Focusing on seeing, identifying, and interpreting plants in the field. And especially on the visual languages you need to parse structure and ecology before you identify something, and on the way the plant becomes part of a place after it is identified.

Details

For all courses you will need a hand lens of 7 power or more, a notebook you can draw in, and some way to take and post pictures.

Each course will run eight eight weeks. *Mosses* starts the week of May 3rd, *Sedges* the week of May 31, and *Woody Plants* the week of August 2.

Enrolled students will be expected to do some field work once a week, take some pictures or make some drawings, and write about what they see and share it with the group. They will need a copy of one of our photographic guides (\$16.95, from Cornell University Press). Digital atlases, which are downloadable free for anyone, will be up on the web next week.

To register, send me your name and e-mail at jerrycreejenkins@gmail.com and tell me where you are located and whether you want to be a student or a listener-in. I will confirm and put you on the list. As simple as that.

Jerry Jenkins, 10 April, 2020.

