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New Book on Australian Plants

Visit the Weed Information website at www.weedinfo.com.au for the lowdown on Australia's flora. The site lists a new book: Plants of Importance to Australia - a Checklist Complied by R.C.H. Shepherd, R.G. Richardson and F.J. Richardson It promises to provide an accurate botanical name, authority, family and a preferred common name for each plant that is or may be of importance to Australia. The species chosen include both weeds of agriculture, and the environment; crop species of all sorts and ornamental species that have, or may, become environmental weeds. This reference book will also help remove confusion that occurs where different plants have the same common name.

You'll also find the Plant Protection Quarterly here. PPQ is an Australian journal that publishes original papers on all aspects of plant protection. Topics represented cover all aspects of the protection of economic plants from weeds, pests and diseases and include the protection and ecology of vegetation on public land such as roadsides, railways, National Parks, gardens and reserves.

Interested in Conducting Research in a U.S. National Park?

The U.S. National Park Service (NPS) has created an Internet-based site for its Research and Collecting Permits. The site, http://science. nature.nps.gov/servlet/Prmt_pubIndex, covers all National Park Units in the United States. The site has been designed to be a comprehensive location for researchers to have the opportunity to review procedures, previous research efforts, policies and conditional requirements before submitting a new proposal; to search NPS-identified research preferences; to complete and submit an application for a permit; and to file required Investigator's Annual Reports via the Internet.

The NPS encourages scientists, agencies, non-profits and all researchers and research institutions to consider the National Parks as a good place for science that provides public benefits for all citizens. For additional information, contact Dr. John Dennis, Biologist, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20240; phone (202) 208-5193; john_dennis @nps.gov

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From the E-MailBox:

"Cultivated Plants of Florida," by D. Burch, D.B. Ward, and D.W. Hall was published in January 1988 as SP-33 by IFAS Florida Cooperative Extension Service, IFAS Publications still has over a thousand of these paperback books for sale for only \$5.00. I thought it might be of interest to readers of Wildland Weeds because every woody plant on the FLEPPC Category 1 list is listed as a cultivated plant in this book. It could serve as an historical account of cultivated plants at some point in time. The authors state, "By the industrious efforts of plant enthusiasts and importers, and the appropriate niches awaiting suitably selected species, the abundance of the world's flora is well sampled in Florida." (Remember, this is in 1988!) At any rate, the contact info for IFAS Pubs. is 1-800-226-1764.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

41st Annual Meeting of the Aquatic Plant Management Society, **July 15-18, 2001**, Minneapolis, MN. Contact: David Tarver, davidptarver @worldnet.att.net.

American Society of Botany, Botany 2001 "Plants and People," **August 12-16, 2001**. Albuquerque Convention Center, Albuquerque, NM. Contact: www.botany.org.

16th Annual Symposium, Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council, **September 12-14, 2001**, St. Augustine, FL. Contact: Kathy Burks, kathy.burks @dep.state.fl.us

11th International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species, **October 1-4, 2001**. Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, Alexandria, VA. Contact: Contact: Elizabeth Muckle-Jeffs, profedge@renc.igs.net, www.aquatic-invasive-species-conference.org. 28th Annual Natural Areas Conference, 2001: A Spatial Odyssey, **October 3-6, 2001**. Radisson's "Resort at the Port," Cape Canaveral, FL. Contact vickie.larson-1@ksc.nasa.gov, www.natareas.org.

SER 2001: Restoration Across Borders, **October 4-6, 2001**. Sheraton Fallsview Hotel, Niagara Falls Ontario, Canada. Contact: www.ser.org.

The Wildland-Urban Interface: Sustaining Forests in a Changing Landscape, **November 5-8, 2001** University of Florida Hotel and Conference Center, Gainesville, FL. Contact Mary L. Duryea (mlduryea@ufl.edu) or Susan W. Vince (svince@ufl.edu), conference. ifas.ufl.edu/urban/

Weed Science Society of America Annual Meeting, **February 10-13**, **2002**. Reno Hilton, Reno, NV. Con-

NOTES FROM THE DISTURBED EDGE

Chapter 1

They dressed in individual elegance, as if fashion, social norms, the superficial concerns of the outer world, were of no consequence. They were one with their surroundings. He was a thing of beauty as he strode encumbered, and she bore her ever-lightening burden as if it were a graceful extension of her own sturdy frame. He swept through the grove, a maniacal ballerina samurai, swinging and cleaving a swath of progress and destruction, and she followed in his wake like a visiting angel from outer space, dispensing the potion in measured doses, moving from just-cut stump to stump. Drink deeply my pretties... The bodies stacked up, green leaves wilting in the mid-day heat, mirages forming and slipping away in the ever-widening corridors that they created. His boots, beloved boots, left shallow prints, and hers traced his steps, a waltz of blade and poison, a symphony of action, portending restoration as the sun swung it's arc. And then, as silently as they had arrived, they departed, retiring to renew their vigor, prepared to dance again on holy ground, it's solemn nature invaded by the uninvited. For their foes today the party was over, but the battle had just begun... -J.A.

An excerpt from "The Adventures of Hack Garlon and his buxom sidekick Squirt."

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