

Background

History

The Grasses Group of the Australian Native Plants Society (ANPS) Canberra Region, would often come across grass-like plants on the Wednesday Walks in and around Canberra. They began to try and identify them, realising that they were very different from grasses that they were used to identifying and were more likely rushes or sedges, and were from a number of families other than Poaceae. They used a useful guide produced by Van Klaphake in 2004 - "*Key to the Commoner Species of Sedges and Rushes of Sydney and the Blue Mountains*" – but this was not found to be comprehensive enough. An attempt was made in 2007 to research which rushes and sedges could be found in the ACT as well as the Southern Tablelands, which is where their walks were and where various species were observed.

Information came from the Census of the Flora of the Australian Capital Territory (version 1 – current version 4.0, 2017 - <https://www.anbg.gov.au/cpbr/ACT-census-2017/index.html>) as well as from "*Flora of New South Wales Vol 1 & 4*" and PlantNet Flora Online (<http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/floraonline.htm>). Two workshops were given by Ros Cornish (Life Member, ANPS Canberra Region) to the Grasses Group and some other ANPS members and they were given copies of the accumulated information.

In 2019, it was decided to update the information and make it available on the ANPS Canberra Region website. A document has been produced which describes the changes that have occurred – see 2. Update of 2007 Version – and the changes have been incorporated into the 2019 version, along with other changes made on PlantNet Flora Online since 2007.

Disclaimer

Information contained in this version was produced in October 2019 by Ros Cornish for ANPS Canberra Region members. The sources used are listed in the References section and credited in various page footers and beneath photos. All attempts have been made to provide accurate information but changes are always happening in the botanical world and it will no doubt become out of date. On-line databases are kept up to date for the Census of the Flora of the Australian Capital Territory and PlantNet Flora Online and should be checked as time progresses.