

# ANPC Grass Identification Techniques Course

## Program outline

### Course focus

Techniques to identify native and exotic grasses using published grass identification keys, the interactive CD-ROM *AusGrass* and field techniques. Maximum of 36 participants.

Time	Topic	Presenter
<b>8.30-8.50am</b>	Registration	
9.00am (5 min)	Welcome, housekeeping and introduction to course	ANPC
9.05am (10 min + 5 mins for questions)	How to use dichotomous keys – it's not all boring!	Bob Makinson (Botanic Gardens Trust, Sydney)
9.20 am (15 mins + 5 mins for questions)	Grass structure and terminology to assist identification	Anthony Whalen (Dept of Environment and Heritage)
9.40am (15 min + 5 mins for questions)	How to use printed grass identification resources [ <i>Grasses of NSW</i> ; <i>Flora of NSW Vol 4</i> ]	tbc
10.00am (15 min + 5 mins for questions)	Demonstration of the use of the interactive CD-ROM <i>AusGrass - Grasses of Australia</i>	Donovan Sharp (Qld Herbarium)
<b>10.20am</b> (20 mins)	<b>Morning tea</b>	
10.40am (50 mins)	Looking at grasses growing nearby in Western Plains Zoo – what clues do you look for to assist field identification? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Return to Ibis Room</li> </ul>	
11.30am (75 min)	Break into 6 groups of 6 to work with tutors; Donovan Sharp rotates for <i>AusGrass</i> guidance. In each group, 3 work with <i>Grasses of NSW</i> and 3 work with <i>AusGrass</i> [this arrangement may vary, with tutors moving between groups].	6 tutors; Donovan Sharp rotating between groups
<b>12.45pm</b> (60 min)	<b>Lunch</b>	
1.45pm	Return to groups; swap identification techniques so everyone develops skills with both printed & interactive tools. Move between identification tools as preferred.	
<b>3.40pm</b> (20 mins)	<b>Afternoon tea</b>	
4.00pm	Return to field site to review field identification skills	
4.45pm	Return to Ibis Room – questions and discussion	
<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Course closes</b>	