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**GRASSLAND ECOLOGY AND IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP
OKANAGAN COLLEGE, PENTICTON
SEPT. 15-16, 2006**

Objective is to gain familiarity with native grassland ecosystems, grass taxonomy and grass plant identification. Workshop is designed as an introduction for folks that have no experience with grasses, and as a refresher for those that do. The instructor is Don Gayton, M.Sc, P.Ag.. He is an ecologist with FORREX and has wide experience with grassland ecosystems.

AGENDA

Friday, Sept 15 Okanagan College Campus, 583 Duncan Avenue W., Penticton

1:00 pm

- Introduction to Workshop.
- Native grasses, aliens, weedy grasses and agronomics.
- Mysteries of grass growth dynamics revealed.
- Basic identification techniques, using mounted specimens and floras
- Identification and taxonomy resources
- Tribal taxonomy: the four major grass tribes
- Refreshment break
- When all you have is a leaf: identifying grasses by vegetative characteristics
- Powerpoint presentation: The key grass species of BC and their adaptations

4:30pm

- Adjourn for the day

Saturday, Sept 16 Okanagan College Campus

8:30am

- Review of grass taxonomy and key grass tribes
- Powerpoint presentation: Ecology of Interior Grasslands
- Refreshment break

10:30

- Organize vehicles and depart for field trip to White Lake area (upland grasses)
- Lunch (in the field)
- Once more, lightly: quick review of taxonomy and grass tribes
- Continue field work at White Lake (riparian grasses)

3:30

- Return to Penticton and depart.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

e-mail: _____ tel. no.: _____

WORKSHOP COST:

\$100 for NPSBC members

\$125 for non-members (includes one-year NPSBC membership)

Make cheques payable to Native Plant Society of British Columbia

Send payment and registration form to:

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Registration forms may also be downloaded from www.npsbc.org.

For further information on registration, contact Virginia at dvsilton@shaw.ca; for further workshop information: don.gayton@forrex.org

Note to participants: Bring boots, a rain jacket and a sack lunch for the Saturday field trip. A 3 to 10 power hand lens is helpful, but not essential, as is *Plants of the Southern Interior* by Parish, Coupe and Lloyd. If you have either or both of these, bring them along.