

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE FLORA OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (F.S.A.)

1. *Published and/or distributed since last meeting*(a) *Introductory volumes and ancillary publications*

1. Bibliography of South African Botany (up to 1951).
2. The Bryophytes of Southern Africa. An annotated checklist. *Mem. bot. Surv. S. Afr.* 43 (1979).
3. Provisional check-list of the pteridophyta for the Flora of Southern Africa. (Lithographed, 1979).
4. Register of plant taxonomic and related projects in Africa (Microfiche, 1978).
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(b) *Other volumes*

Cryptogams

Vol. 9: Characeae (1978) 45 spp.

Flowering plants

Vol. 10,1: Loranthaceae, Viscaceae (1979) 54 spp.

Vol. 27,4: Asclepiadaceae: *Brachystelma*–*Riocreuxia* 130 spp.

Introductory volume: Botanical collectors in Southern Africa by Mary Gunn & L. E. Codd (1981).

Cryptogams

Bryophyta: Sphagnaceae–Grimmiaceae 191 spp.

2. *Being edited*

Flowering plants

Vol. 4,2: Mayacaceae–Juncaceae 80 spp.

Vol. 7,8: Iridaceae: *Syringodea*–*Romulea* 77 spp.

Vol. 21,1: Tiliaceae 50 spp.

Ancillary: A catalogue of South African green, brown and red marine algae.

3. *In advanced to final stage of preparation*

Cryptogams

Pteridophyta ± 245 spp.

Flowering plants

Vol. 3,1: Cyperaceae: *Mariscus* ± 65 spp.Vol. 5: Liliaceae: Dracaenoideae & Asparagoideae ± 47 spp.
Caudibracteateae ± 43 spp.
Ornithogaleae ± 126 spp.

Vol. 7: Iridaceae (remainder) ± 700 spp.

Vol. 8: Orchidaceae ± 500 spp.

Vol. 9,2: Proteaceae ± 400 spp.

Vol. 10,2: Polygonaceae, Amaranthaceae ± 100 spp.

Vol. 11,8: Mesembryanthemaceae: *Lampranthus* ± 75 spp.

Vol. 14: Crassulaceae ± 227 spp.

Vol. 16: Papilionoideae: *Eriosema* ± 40 spp.

Vol. 18,3: Burseraceae–Malpighiaceae ± 40 spp.

Vol. 21,1: Malvaceae ± 125 spp.

Vol. 23: Penaeaceae–Thymelaeaceae ± 200 spp.

Vol. 28,4: Lamiaceae ± 250 spp.

Vol. 33: Asteraceae: *Helichrysum* et al. ± 330 spp.4. *Progressing well*

Vol. 2: Poaceae

Vol. 6: Amaryllidaceae

Vol. 17,1: Geraniaceae

Vol. 18: Rutaceae

Vol. 19,1: Anacardiaceae

Vol. 24,1: Myrtaceae, Onagraceae, Araliaceae

Vol. 25: Ericaceae

Vol. 27,1: Periplocaceae

Vol. 27,2: Asclepiadaceae: *Schizoglossum*Vol. 27,5: Asclepiadaceae: *Stapelieae*

Vol. 31: Rubiaceae, Dipsacaceae

Vol. 32: Campanulaceae

5. *New format*

As you may be aware the format of the Flora was modified to speed up production of the work without loss of essential information. Fascicles with a minimum of about 50 species are being published, descriptions have been shortened and the citation of specimens has been simplified.

6. *Invitation to contribute*

Forty-eight taxonomists from outside the Botanical Research Institute are presently co-operating on the F.S.A. Without their work the project could not be completed in the foreseeable future. More help is needed, however, and AETFAT members willing to consider contributing to the project are invited to contact the author.

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