

BOOK NOTICE

RACHEL K. CLARK, ALEXANDER KRINGS, JON M. STUCKY, & H. JOSEPH KLEISS. 2016. **Guide to the Vascular Flora of Kitty Hawk Woods, Dare County, North Carolina, U.S.A.** (ISBN-13: 978-1-889-878-50-8, pbk; Sida, Bot. Misc. 45). Botanical Research Institute of Texas Press, 1700 University Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76107-3400, U.S.A. (**Orders:** shop.brit.org, 1-817-332-4441 ext. 264). \$30.00 US, 208 pp., maps, color photos, 409 line drawings, 7" × 10".

From the publisher: Kitty Hawk Woods is a nationally significant natural area and one of 10 reserves composing the North Carolina Coastal Reserves system. Situated on a series of parallel, north-south trending relict beach dunes on Bodie Island, the reserve spans 760 ha (1878 ac) of forested wetlands, sandy wooded ridges, and brackish marshes. Kitty Hawk Woods hosts several globally rare plant communities, including Maritime Deciduous Forest, Maritime Swamp Forest, and Interdunal Ponds. In order to effectively manage and preserve the biodiversity of Kitty Hawk Woods, comprehensive resource inventory and monitoring were identified as top priority management goals in the Kitty Hawk Woods Management Plan. The resulting *Guide to the Vascular Flora of Kitty Hawk Woods* provides a comprehensive checklist of the flora compiled from the first author's collections, historic collections, and reports of species from the site. The illustrated guide treats 429 species in 110 families. Keys are provided to all vouchered or reported taxa. Habitat, exotic status, flowering and fruiting phenology, abundance, and synonymy are also incorporated. This is the second in a series from the Illustrated Floras of North Carolina Project at the North Carolina State University Vascular Plant Herbarium (NCSC), designed to be useful to both botanical specialists and a more general audience.

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