

4-H Range and Pasture Grass Identification Resource List for Identification Training, Self-study and Practice for Contest

Statewide Resource Books on Grass Identification

Shaw, Robert B. 2012. Guide to the Texas Grasses. Texas A&M University Press, College Station, Texas. 1080 p. (excellent digital images of inflorescence and line drawing of grass parts)

Shaw, Robert B., Barron S. Rector, Amanda M. Dube. 2011. Distribution of Grasses in Texas. Botanical Research Institute of Texas No. 33, Fort Worth, Texas. 196 p. (resource of grass locations by scientific name and by Texas County)

Gould, Frank W. 1975. The Grasses of Texas. Texas A&M University Press,) College Station, Texas. 653 p. (excellent plant descriptions, line drawings and still can be found in used bookstores)

Gould, Frank W. 1978. Common Texas Grasses: An Illustrated Guide. Texas A&M University Press, College Station, Texas. 267 p. (good grass descriptions and line drawings)

Regional Resource Books on Grasses Identification

Everitt, James H., D. Lynn Drawe, Christopher R. Little and Robert I Lonard. 2011. Grasses of South Texas: A Guide to Identification and Value. Texas Tech University Press, Lubbock, Texas. 321 p. (scanned images of inflorescence and excellent writeup on each grass)

Lonard, I. Robert. 1993. Guide to Grasses of the Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas. 1993. The University of Texas-Pan American Press, Edinburg, Texas. 240 p. (black and white images of real specimens)

Hignight, K.W., J.K. Wipff, and S.L, Hatch. 1988. Grasses (Poaceae) of the Cross Timbers and Prairies. Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Publication MP-1657. Texas A&M University System, College Station, Texas. 174 p. (excellent line-drawings of north Central Texas Grasses)

Coffey, Chuck R and Russell L. Stevens. 2004. Grasses of Southern Oklahoma and North Texas: A Pictoral Guide. The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation, Inc. NF-FO-04-01, Ardmore, Oklahoma. 120 p. (color pictures of grasses in the field)

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