

5. Course Schedule

Some of this information is available on the [Virtual Handbook](#)⁶ and the [UNSW Timetable](#)⁷.

Week	Lecture (Mon) Topics & Lecturers	Lecture (Fri) Topics & Lecturers	Practical (Tues), Topics & Lecturers	Assignment and Submission dates (see also 'Assessment Tasks & Feedback')
Week 2 (Aug 1)	Plants! (AM)	Evolution of land plants (AM)	Vegetative morphology and introduction to keys (WC/DK)	
Week 3 (Aug 8)	Flowers (DK)	Phylogeny (WC)	Floral Morphology (DK)	
Week 4 (Aug 15)	Pollination (AM)	Plant Tissues (AM)	Important Plant Families (WC)	
Week 5 (Aug 22)	Plant Cells (AM)	Leaf I (AM)	Plant Cells (AM)	First plant biography due (Monday)
Week 6 (Aug 29)	Leaf II (WC)	Transport I (WC)	Leaf Economics (AM)	Feedback to peers due (Friday)
Week 7 (Sept 5)	Transport II (WC)	Roots I (guest lecture JC)	How to be a tree (AM)	
Week 8 (Sept 12)	Roots II (WC)	Nutrient cycling (WC)	Roots and symbioses (WC)	Moodle quiz – important families
Week 9 (Sept 19)	Demography (DK)	Life History Strategies (DK)	Diversity (WC)	
MID SEMESTER BREAK				
Week 10 (Oct 3)	Holiday (Labour day)	Herbivory and defence (AM)	Herbivory (AM)	Plant Collections due (Wednesday)
Week 11 (Oct 10)	Allometry (guest lecture SB)	Community Ecology (WC)	Campus Flora (AM/WC)	Plant Biographies due (Friday)
Week 12 (Oct 17)	Dispersal (guest lecture RT)	Ecosystems of the World (WC)	Fruit, seeds and germination (WC)	
Week 13 (Oct 24)	Diversity (WC)	Revision (AM)	PRACTICAL EXAMINATION	

Lecture topics may change slightly through the session

6. Assessment Tasks and Feedback

Task	% of total mark	Assessment Criteria	Date of		Feedback		
			Release	Submission	WHO	WHEN	HOW
Final (theory) exam	35		Dates set by exams office				
Practical exam	20			Week 13	Dr Cornwell	After session	Comments on exam papers
Quiz on plant families	5		Week 8	Week 8	Dr Cornwell	Week 10	Moodle
Plant Collection	15	Detailed criteria are provided in the lab manual	Week 2	Week 8	Dr Cornwell / F. Hemmings	Week 10	Comments on specimens
First Plant Biography	10	Detailed criteria are provided in the lab manual	Week 2	Week 5	Dr Cornwell / Prof Moles	Week 7	Peer and instructor feedback
Plant Biography Peer Feedback			Week 2	Week 6	Dr Cornwell / Prof Moles	Week 7	Marks and written comments
Final Plant Biography	10	Detailed criteria are provided in the lab manual	Week 2	Week 11	Dr Cornwell / Prof Moles	Week 12	Marks and written comments
Participation	5	Marks will be assigned based on participation in the practicals and lectures			Dr Cornwell		Marks