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O'NEILL, Hugh

The Catholic University of America
Washington, D. C.

October 28, 1939

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

Mr. John M. Fogg, Jr.,
University of Pennsylvania,
Botanical Laboratory,
38th St. and Woodland Ave.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Fogg:

Replying to your letter of the 27th., I have already acknowledged the receipt of 161 specimens from Mr. Walker. But as your letter asks that these be credited to the University of Pennsylvania as exchange material, I will credit your account instead of Mr. Walker.

We will send you in exchange material from our own Arctic Expedition as well as Cyperaceae which I have determined. Regarding your Cyperus material, if you will be kind enough to send it to me, I will annotate them and return them to you as soon as possible. If you have any specimens of Cyperus from any part of the world for exchange, I will be very glad to receive them.

Sincerely yours,

Hugh O'Neill
Hugh O'Neill,
Curator of the Langlois Herbarium

March 25, 1940

Rev. Dr. Hugh T. O'Neill
Catholic University
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. O'Neill:

It was a very great pleasure for me to see you last week and I hope that our acquaintance so long delayed, may be nourished by more frequent visits in the future.

I am sending to you the first shipment of our mounted specimens of Cyperus, embracing roughly one-third of our entire representation of that genus. For the sake of convenience I have started at the bottom of the series so that the old world's specimens which we always place at the end are included in the present sending. I enclose herewith a duplicate key which will unlock the case and which you may keep at your end until you have seen all of our material. I am sending this box by prepaid express and hope you will return it to us collect. We stand to benefit so greatly by having you examine this material that the payment of transportation charges is but a small gesture on our part.

Thank you again for your great kindness in being willing to study this material. I can only hope that something which we have may prove of interest to you and may help to fill out the records of distribution which you are so meticulously keeping.

With the hope of seeing you again in the near future and of hearing from you often, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. M. Fogg, Jr.
Assistant Professor of Botany

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HUGH O'NEILL, CURATOR
IVAR TIDESTROM, RESEARCH SPECIALIST
ARTHENE DUTILLY, RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

The Catholic University of America
Washington, D. C.
LANGLOIS HERBARIUM

JOHN O'BRIEN, CYTOLOGIST
VINCENT ABELL, ASSISTANT CURATOR

April 8, 1940

Dr. J. M. Fogg, Jr.,
Department of Botany,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Fogg:

I am returning this morning, express collect, the box of *Cyperus* specimens received from you last week. Twenty-four specimens, mostly from Africa, I could not determine at this time. If I had them on a definite loan I will be glad to determine them. If, however, you would want the specimens returned soon, I will send them back as soon as I hear from you.

I wish to thank you for the opportunity for having seen these interesting specimens. If you wish me to go over the rest of the collection, I will be glad to do them this week and return them within a few days of receipt. Your specimen 9574, Salem County, Southern New Jersey, Tidal Marsh, along Delaware River, N.N.E, Oakwood Beach is:

Cyperus serotinus Rottb.

Apparently this is the first record of this species in the United States. Unless you have other plans I would like to publish this record in *Rhodora* along with a considerable number of other records which I have recently uncovered. Dr. O'Brien joins me in sending our very best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Hugh O'Neill
Hugh O'Neill,
Curator of the Langlois Herbarium

April 11, 1940.

Dr. Hugh O'Neill,
Catholic University,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. O'Neill:

The first lot of *Cyperus* arrived back here safely, and I have derived considerable enjoyment from examining them and noting your comments.

There went off to you yesterday, by express, the balance of our material contained in two cartons. I am returning herewith the key which I thought I had suggested that you retain until you have seen all of our material. This key will open both of the padlocks.

I have taken the liberty this time of including several sheets of *Kyllinga* concerning which I thought you might care to express an opinion.

I was extremely interested in your verdict concerning my No. 9574 which you called *C. serotinus*. This specimen bothered me considerably when I first collected it. I submitted it to Professor Fernald who identified it as *C. sabulosus*. I shall be glad to have you publish this record if you care to. I had originally planned a rather exhaustive account of the plants of Salem County, but I am so involved in this Pennsylvania work that it will probably be some years before I get around to it. In the meantime, I think it would be well to have this collection placed on record.

May I thank you again for your kindness in being willing to examine our material. With best regards to you and Dr. O'Brien, I am

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.
Ass't. Professor of Botany

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HUGH O'NEILL, CURATOR
IVAR TIDESTROM, RESEARCH SPECIALIST
ARTHEME DUTILLY, RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

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VINCENT ABELL, ASSISTANT CURATOR

April 15, 1940

Dr. J. M. Fogg, Jr.,
Assistant Professor of Botany,
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Fogg:

The two boxes of specimens arrived safely yesterday. I am very glad you included *Kyllinga*. I agree with Kükenthal and Fernald in considering *Kyllinga* a section of *Cyperus*.

I thank you for the permission to publish the collection of *Cyperus serotinus*.

In going over my records I find that there is some discrepancy about how I recorded the specimens of *Cyperus retrofractus* which I returned to you last week. I think there were 13 or 14 sheets of this species. Would you kindly send them to me for re-examination as soon as convenient?

Sincerely yours,

Hugh O'Neill

Hugh O'Neill,
Curator of the Langlois Herbarium

June 20, 1940.

Dr. Hugh O'Neill,
Department of Botany,
Catholic University of America,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. O'Neill:

- In response to request made by you some time ago,
I am forwarding again for your examination our representation
of Cyperus retrofractus. We have only nine sheets of this
species.

I am leaving here the end of this week for Mountain
Lake, Virginia, where I shall be until August 1. If, however,
you wish to return the two boxes of Cyperus there will be
some one here to receive them.

With best wishes for a pleasant and successful
summer, I am

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.
Assistant Professor of Botany.

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VINCENT ABELL, ASSISTANT CURATOR

June 20, 1940

Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Department of Botany,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Fogg:

I am returning today the two boxes of *Cyperus* which I have determined. There was about a dozen from Mexico which I will ~~send~~ ^{send} separately a little later. Enclosed in this letter is the key to the locks.

I am very glad you included the subgenus *Kyllinga*. Two of the sheets by Fernald and Long 3741 and 3742 are not *Kyllinga* but *Lipocarpus maculata* (Michx.) Torr. Another sheet collected by a namesake of mine, Thomas O'Neill is *Cyperus brevifolius* which I think is not only new to Pennsylvania but an extension of range, that is, if it is really native. Could you ascertain if this plant has been introduced on ships' ballast or in some other way?

I wish to thank you very sincerely for the opportunity of studying this very interesting collection. Later I will send you a list of all the *Cyperus* collected in Pennsylvania which I have examined, especially those in this herbarium. I hope you will visit Washington soon and pay us a call. Dr. O'Brien and I send you our best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Hugh O'Neill

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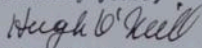
June 22, 1940

Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Department of Botany,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Fogg:

I am returning in this mail the shipment of
Cyperus retrofractus which you so kindly sent us. The
specimens which I especially wanted to see were *Cyperus*
dipsaciformis Fernald. Would you kindly send me all
material of *Cyperus dipsaciformis* Fernald?

Sincerely yours,



Hugh O'Neill,
Curator of the Langlois Herbarium

Mt. Lake Biological Station
Mt. Lake, Va.

June 27, 1940

Dr. Hugh O'Neill,
Catholic University of America,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. O'Neill:

Your letter of the 22nd was forwarded to me here at Mt. Lake, where I am teaching during June and July.

I would suggest that unless you are in urgent need of our material of Cyperus dipsaciformis, this matter be permitted to rest until my return to Philadelphia the end of July. I might, of course, ask one of my W.P.A. people to forward you this material, but am not sure I could trust them to find it all and pack it properly. If you want it at once, please do not hesitate to let me know; otherwise I shall get it off to you immediately upon my return about July 29.

Sincerely your,

John M. Fogg, Jr.

By this is meant
(2) Opening of petals. Under this column is desired the date of opening of the first corolla of a plant or colony. In the case of plants which have their flowers in spikes or clusters, it may be several days ^{until} all the fls. of an infl. have opened. To avoid confusion, it is therefore desirable to note only the complete unfolding of the first flower.

Shedding of pollen. In many ^{plants} cases the anthers liberate their pollen as soon as the petals open & the dates under ^{these two} headings ~~are~~ will be the same. In other ~~plants~~ however, there is a lapse of several days between these two events. The fact of pollen liberation can usually be determined ^{as fact}.

To determine that pollen is being shed it is usually helpful to tap the flower vigorously over a piece of ^{dark colored} paper. The fine yellow grains can ^{then} readily be seen. Also useful is a small pocket lens, which will reveal the opening or slit in the anther permitting the escape of the pollen grain.

Weather Conditions ~~Since~~ ^{climate conditions} ~~the~~ play an important part in the opening of the petals & shedding of pollen, hence ^{the importance} ~~at times~~ ^{note} ~~of~~ ^{of} the weather (e.g. clear, cloudy, rainy) ~~on~~ ^{is} especially on the day the pollen is first shed.

August 10, 1940

Dr. Hugh O'Neill,
Langlois Herbarium,
Catholic University,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. O'Neill:

There has just gone forward
to you by prepaid express a small package
containing:

- (a) 5 sheets of *Cyperus dipsaci-*
formis, which you expressed
a desire to re-examine.
- (b) 13 miscellaneous sheets of
Cyperus which have been
mounted recently, and which
I thought you might care
to see.

I trust that these specimens
reach you safely and that you will find them
of some value in your studies.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.
Asst. Prof. of Botany

April 20, 1942.

Rev. Dr. Hugh O'Neill,
Catholic University of America,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. O'Neill:

Thank you for sending me the separate of
your article on Cyperaceae. I enjoyed reading this in
RHODORA and am pleased to have a copy of my own.

I am glad to be reminded of my obligation
concerning Cyperus serotinus. As this will be the first
summer in several years that I have not been away, I shall
make it a point to investigate this locality and determine
whether this species is still there.

Sincerely yours,

Associate Professor of Botany.

O'Neil, Hugh T. Dr.

November 1, 1961

Rev. Dr. Hugh T. O'Neil
Catholic University of America
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. O'Neil:

We have recently been asked to identify a specimen of Cyperus sent from Colombia where it was said to be growing in a rice field.

Since I know nothing of South American species of Cyperus, and since we have no literature on the subject, I am forwarding it to you in hopes that you will be so good as to give it a name.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Director

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HUGH T. O'NEILL

R.F.D. 1, Box 322,

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

Nov. 8, 1961.

Dear Dr. Fogg,

Your letter of Nov. 1, addressed to me at the Catholic University, was forwarded and reached me yesterday. The specimen from Colombia is

Cyperus Luzulae (L.) Retz.

Please note that I retired from the Catholic University in Feb. 1956 and that all mail should be addressed to me here. I no longer work on the genus *Cyperus* and do no more work in taxonomy except that I am preparing the text for *Cyperus* for the Flora of North America.

A friend of mine, R.C. Urciolo, returned from a visit to Italy two months ago. He brought some beautifully illustrated botanical books with him. In case you do not have it, I call your attention to one of the most beautifully illustrated books on trees I have ever seen. It is:

"Alberi ornamentali in Italia" by Giacomo Jucker
published by the Istituto Italiano D'Arti Grafice, Bergamo, 1958.

Yours as ever,

H. O'Neill

November 9, 1961

Dr. Hugh T. O'Neill
Box 322, R.F.D. 1
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Dr. O'Neill:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of November 8, with its identification of the Cyperus from Colombia.

I realized that you had retired from the University, but had mislaid your present address.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Foge, Jr.,
Director

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