

## Progress Report on Flora of Arabia

This report on volume 3, the next volume of the flora due to be published in June 2004. A summary of progress is given in table 1 and a detailed breakdown of progress is given in appendix I

Table 1 Summary of progress on volume 3

Total families	42
Total Species	800
Families Accounts in draft	12
Species Accounts in draft	484
Drafts accounts partially completed	17

Volume 3 covers 800 species arranged in 42 families. 12 families have been completed to first draft stage. These include several large families including : Malvaceae (94 species); Umbelliferae (62 species); Convolvulaceae ( 100 species). A total of 484 (60% species accounts have been completed.

A reliable author has agreed to undertake work on the largest outstanding family – the Asclepiadaceae. All other families will be completed in-house so that the time schedule can be adhered to.

Work has also been started on volumes 2 and 4 with substantial work being undertaken on a number of families including : Leguminosae, Burseraceae, Scrophulariaceae and Acanthaceae.

A new full time taxonomist is due to start on the project by April 2003.

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Family	No. of Species per Family	Species accounts completed	Status of Family Account
Apocynaceae	9	2	First Draft partially completed
Araliaceae	2		Author Identified
Asclepiadaceae	110	20	First Draft partially completed
Begoniaceae	2	2	First Draft completed
Bombacaceae	1	1	First Draft completed
Boraginaceae	132	85	First Draft partially completed
Cistaceae	13		
Combretaceae	5		
Convolvulaceae	100	100	First Draft completed
Cucurbitaceae	30	5	First Draft partially completed
Cuscutaceae	5	5	First Draft completed
Cynomoriaceae	1		
Ebenaceae	2	1	First Draft partially completed
Elaeagnaceae	1		
Elatinaceae	1		
Ericaceae	1	1	First Draft partially completed
Flacourtiaceae	1	1	First Draft completed
Frankeniaceae	2	1	First Draft partially completed
Gentianaceae	14	5	First Draft partially completed
Haloragidaceae	2		
Loasaceae	1		
Loganiaceae	3		
Lythraceae	8	2	First Draft partially completed
Malvaceae	94	94	First Draft completed
Myrsinaceae	3	1	First Draft partially completed
Myrtaceae	5		
Oleaceae	6		
Onagraceae	3	1	First Draft partially completed
Passifloraceae	2		
Plumbaginaceae	24	24	First Draft completed
Primulaceae	4	1	First Draft partially completed
Punicaceae	1	1	First Draft Complete
Rhizophoraceae	1		
Rubiaceae	57	10	First Draft partially completed
Sapotaceae	2	2	First Draft Complete
Sterculiaceae	20	20	First Draft Complete
Tamaricaceae	10	2	First Draft partially completed
Thymelaeaceae	5	1	First Draft partially completed
Tiliaceae	27	27	First Draft Complete
Umbelliferae	62	62	First Draft Complete
Verbenaceae	22	5	First Draft partially completed
Violaceae	6	2	First Draft partially completed
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