

Book Review

Common Plants in the Rehoboth Area - A farmer's field guide

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Common Plants in the Rehoboth Area – A farmer's field guide is written with great simplicity and is yet very informative. The booklet provides a page long description of each of 52 common plant species in the area. This includes a colour photo, common name, scientific name and information on growth form and, most importantly for the farmers of the area, feeding value. Text is kept to the absolute minimum in Afrikaans (the common language of the area) and English. An introduction provides some information on the Rehoboth Area, as well as instructions on how to use the book.

The farmer's guide is written by Dirk Wesuls, Christiane Naumann and Cornelia Limpricht. Dirk is a plant ecologist with many years experience in Namibia under the BIOTA programme. Christiane Naumann and Cornelia Limpricht have extensively studied cultural anthropology and land tenure in the Rehoboth Area, whilst Dirk Wesuls has extensively studied the plant ecology of the area in relation to land management.

The authors not only provide for the needs of a farmer in the Rehoboth Area, but also diligently for the wider scientific community and students of ecology and taxonomy. This booklet brings to attention the huge need that exists in providing resource materials targeting land resource users in addressing issues of sustainable land resources use, and farming systems and land use adaptation in the wake of climate change.

If you are interested in obtaining a copy of this handy A5 booklet, please contact Dave Joubert at: djoubert@polytechnic.edu.na

