

CURRICULUM VITAE ROBERT J. O'KENNON

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EDUCATION

Duke University 1960–1964, B.S. Business Administration (Minor: Civil Engineering)
La Salle Extension University School of Law, J.D., Juris Doctor 1971–1974

CURRENT POSITION(S)

Trustee, Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT)
Research Scientist, BRIT

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

1964–1984: Lt. Colonel, United States Marine Corps. Flew 375 combat fighter missions in Vietnam. Flew 36 types of military aircraft as Test Pilot and Instructor Pilot.
1970–1973: Served with the Central Intelligence Agency in several Asian and European countries. Previously proficient in five foreign languages.
1972–2002: Captain for American Airlines based at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport, Texas.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

Dallas Nature Center—Advisory Board, Past Board of Directors
Duke University—Sarah P. Duke Gardens Board of Trustees
Fort Worth Nature Center—Nature Center Conservancy Board
Native Plant Society of Texas—Advisor and Consultant
Native Prairies Association of Texas—Past Board of Directors
Natural Area Preservation Association—Vice President, Board of Directors
Texas Land Conservancy—President (2006–2010), Board of Directors
Texas Stage—Past Advisory Committee
Useful Wild Plants of Texas—Past Board of Directors, Consultant

PUBLICATIONS

1. O'Kennon RJ. 2019. *Ipomoea edwardsensis* (Convolvulaceae) at specific rank. Journal of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas 13(1):103–106.
2. Taylor KN, RJ O'Kennon. 2016. The vascular flora of Enchanted Rock State Natural Area, Llano and Gillespie counties, Texas, U.S.A. Journal of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas 10(1):267–294.
3. O'Kennon RJ, KN Taylor. 2015. *Cyperus granitophilus* (Cyperaceae), a granite outcrop endemic, new for Texas and Oklahoma (U.S.A.). Journal of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas 9(1):251–257.
4. Taylor KN, RJ O'Kennon. 2014. Expanded distribution of *Gratiola quartermaniae* (Plantaginaceae) in Texas, U.S.A. Journal of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas 8(1):333–337.
5. O'Kennon RJ, KN Taylor. 2013. *Eleocharis microformis* (Cyperaceae): rediscovered in North America from the Edwards Plateau and Trans-Pecos regions of Texas. Journal of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas 7(1):587–593.
6. Taylor KN, RJ O'Kennon. 2013. Ecology and distribution of the north central Texas endemic *Dalea reverchonii* (Fabaceae). Journal of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas 7(1):603–610.

7. Taylor KN, RJ O'Kennon, TF Rehman. 2012. Expanded distribution of *Isoetes butleri* (Isoetaceae) in Texas. *Journal of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas* 6(2):753–757.
8. O'Kennon RJ, GM Diggs Jr. 2011. *Llavea cordifolia* (Pteridaceae), new for Texas and the United States. *Journal of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas* 5(1):351–355.
9. Nesom GL, RJ O'Kennon. 2008. Major plant communities of Lake Meredith National Recreational Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument. *Phytologia* 90(3):391–405.
10. Phipps JB, RJ O'Kennon. 2007. Hawthorns (*Crataegus*: Rosaceae) of the Cypress Hills, Alberta and Saskatchewan. *Journal of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas* 1(2):1031–1090.
11. Diggs GM, BL Lipscomb, MD Reed, RJ O'Kennon. 2006. The Illustrated Flora of East Texas. Volume I, Pteridophytes, Gymnosperms, and Monocots. Sida, Botanical Miscellany 26. Botanical Research Institute of Texas Press, Fort Worth, Texas. 1594 pp.
12. Phipps JB, RJ O'Kennon, KA Dvorsky. 2006. Review of *Crataegus* series Pulcherrimae (Rosaceae). *Sida, Contributions to Botany* 22(2):973–1007.
13. Phipps JB, RJ O'Kennon. 2004. A review of *Crataegus* series Rotundifoliae (Rosaceae) in western Canada. *Sida, Contributions to Botany* 21(1):65–77.
14. Singhurst JR, RJ O'Kennon, WC Holmes. 2004. The genus *Prenanthes* (Asteraceae: Lactuceae) in Texas. *Sida, Contributions to Botany* 21(1):181–191.
15. O'Kennon RJ, C McLemore. 2004. *Schoenoplectus hallii* (Cyperaceae), a globally threatened species new for Texas. *Sida, Contributions to Botany* 21(2):1201–1204.
16. Trock DK, RJ O'Kennon. 2003. A new species of *Packera* (Asteraceae: Senecioneae) from the Edwards Plateau of Texas. *Sida, Contributions to Botany* 20(3):945–951.
17. Diggs Jr GM, RJ O'Kennon 2003. A rockhouse microhabitat in the West Cross Timbers of North Central Texas. *Sida, Contributions to Botany* 20(3):1327–1333.
18. O'Kennon RJ, C McLemore, AK Neill. 2003. *Fagopyrum esculentum* (Polygonaceae), new for Texas. *Sida, Contributions to Botany* 20(4):1717–1720.
19. Phipps JB, RJ O'Kennon, RW Lance. 2003. Hawthorns and Medlars. Royal Horticultural Society Plant Collector Guide series. Timber Press, Portland, Oregon. 180 pp.
20. O'Kennon RJ, GL Nesom. 2002. A new variety of *Ipomoea costellata* (Convolvulaceae) from the Edwards Plateau region of Texas. *Sida, Contributions to Botany* 20(1):39–45.
21. Phipps JB, RJ O'Kennon. 2002. New taxa of *Crataegus* (Rosaceae) from the northern Okanagan–southwestern Shuswap diversity center. *Sida, Contributions to Botany* 20(1):115–144.
22. Nesom GL, RJ O'Kennon. 2002. New vascular plant records for Texas. *Sida, Contributions to Botany* 20(1):435–436.
23. Nesom GL, RJ O'Kennon. 2001. Two new species of *Liatris* series Punctatae (Asteraceae: Eupatorieae) centered in north central Texas. *Sida, Contributions to Botany* 19(4):767–787.
24. Granados M, RJ O'Kennon, BF Benz. 2001. Plant species-area relationships in ten north central Texas protected natural areas. *Sida, Contributions to Botany* 19(4):1061–1072.
25. Diggs GM, BL Lipscomb, RJ O'Kennon. 1999. The Illustrated Flora of North Central Texas. Sida, Botanical Miscellany 16. Botanical Research Institute of Texas Press, Fort Worth, Texas. 1640 pp.

26. O'Kennon RJ, TM Barkley, GM Diggs Jr, BL Lipscomb. 1999. *Lapsana communis* (Asteraceae) new for Texas and notes on invasive exotics. *Sida, Contributions to Botany* 18(4):1277–1283.
27. Phipps JB, RJ O'Kennon. 1998. Three new species of *Crataegus* (Rosaceae) from western North America: *C. okennonii*, *C. okanaganensis* and *C. phippsii*. *Sida, Contributions to Botany* 18(1):169–191.
28. O'Kennon RJ, GM Diggs Jr, RK Hoggard. 1998. *Plantago coronopus* (Plantaginaceae) new to Texas. *Sida, Contributions to Botany* 18(1):356–358.
29. O'Kennon RJ, GM Diggs Jr, BL Lipscomb. 1998. *Lactuca saligna* (Asteraceae), a lettuce new for Texas. *Sida, Contributions to Botany* 18(2):615–619.
30. Phipps JB, RJ O'Kennon. 1997. *Crataegus nananixonii* (Rosaceae Ser. Intricatae) a new species of hawthorn from Eastern Texas. *Sida, Contributions to Botany* 17(3):569–574.
31. Diggs, Jr, GM, RJ O'Kennon, BL Lipscomb. 1997. *Hypochaeris glabra* (Asteraceae), a new record for Texas. *Sida, Contributions to Botany* 17(3):633–634.
32. O'Kennon RJ. 1991. *Paliurus spina-christi* (Rhamnaceae) new for North America in Texas. *Sida, Contributions to Botany* 14(4):606–609.
33. O'Kennon RJ. 1991. *Euphorbia lathyris* (Euphorbiaceae) new for Texas. *Sida, Contributions to Botany* 14(4):609–610.
34. O'Kennon RJ. 1991. The Physiography of the Balcones Canyonlands and its Floral Associations. Native Plant Society of Texas Symposium Proceedings, Kerrville, Texas.
35. O'Kennon RJ. 1991. Flora new for the Texas Edwards Plateau. Native Plant Society of Texas Symposium Proceedings, Kerrville, Texas.
36. O'Kennon B, G Nesom. 1988. First report of *Cirsium vulgare* (Asteraceae) from Texas. *Sida, Contributions to Botany* 13(1):115–116.
37. O'Kennon LE, RJ O'Kennon. 1987. Texas Wildflower Portraits. Texas Monthly Press. 233 pp.

PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION

The Flora of Gillespie County, Texas. Plan is to publish this flora as a JBRIT, Botanical Miscellany series.

The *Crataegus* (Hawthorns) of North America. Co-authored Dr. J. B. Phipps of The University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario. A monograph and field guide of the genus *Crataegus* found from Alaska to Guatemala. This 20 year project requires extensive travel throughout North America each year. It will be completed in 2009 and published by BRIT.

The Useful Wild Plants of Texas. Edited by Scooter Cheatham, this is a fourteen volume encyclopedia describing the medicinal and other uses of most of the species found in Texas and surrounding states. Volumes 1, 2, & 3 are published.

A Checklist of the Flora of Big Bend National Park.

Glaucium corniculatum (Papaveraceae) New for Texas on the Edwards Plateau of Central Texas.

Kickxia elatine (Scrophulariaceae) New for Texas on the Edwards Plateau of Central Texas.

Helianthus laciniatus (Compositae) New for Texas in the Big Bend Country of West Texas.

Opuntia spiniosor (Cactaceae) New for Texas in the Cornudas Mountains of West Texas.

Eriocaulon texensis sp. nov. (Eriocaulaceae). A new species of Pipewort found at Enchanted Rock State Natural Area in Central Texas.

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Photography, tennis, running, weight lifting, kick boxing, biking, horseback riding, hiking, camping, skiing, astronomy, herpetology, ornithology, entomology, archaeology, paleontology, geology, writing, linguistics, etymology, history, aviation, fine art, plant research, and collecting books on Texana and botany.