

## NEW RECORDS OF THE FAMILY CYPERACEAE FROM RAWALPINDI DISTRICT

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### ABSTRACT

A taxonomic account of five taxa of the family Cyperaceae is presented here. These are: *Cyperus flabelliformis* Rottb., *C. digitatus* Roxb., *C. nutans* Vahl, *Fimbristylis tenera* Roem. and Schult. var. *oxylepis* (Steud) Clerke and *Schoenoplectus lateriflorus* (J.F. Gmelin) Lye. All these taxa are new records from Rawalpindi District.

### INTRODUCTION

The Cyperaceae or sedge family is a large group of grass-like or rush-like herbs with about 4000 species distributed throughout the world, but especially in the frigid, temperate and cold regions, chiefly as marsh plants [11].

Stewart has mentioned numerous taxa of the family Cyperaceae in his work "Flora of Rawalpindi District". He in his another work "An Annotated Catalogue of the Vascula Plants of West Pakistan and Kashmir (1972)", reported 52 taxa from Rawalpindi District. Further no systematic work has been done on the plants of the family Cyperaceae of this district.

Recently the study on "The family Cyperaceae of Rawalpindi District" was undertaken by the authors. In this study 57 taxa were described of which 5 taxa (as mentioned in the Abstract) were reported for the first time from Rawalpindi District.

An artificial key for identification of the taxa has been given.