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PREFACE

It has been the policy of the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey to publish, as opportunity offered and printing funds were available, a series of reports relating to the natural history of the State.

In connection with his work at the United States Fisheries Biological Station at Beaufort, North Carolina, Mr. I. F. Lewis has made a study of the vegetation of Shackleford Banks, and it is believed that the results of this investigation will be of value not only in connection with the conservation of land areas along the coast, but will add much to the other botanical studies of the State.

In this as well as in numerous other investigations, we have had the coöperation of the United States Bureau of Fisheries.

It is expected that this report will lead to other investigations which will add more and more to the botanical history of the State.

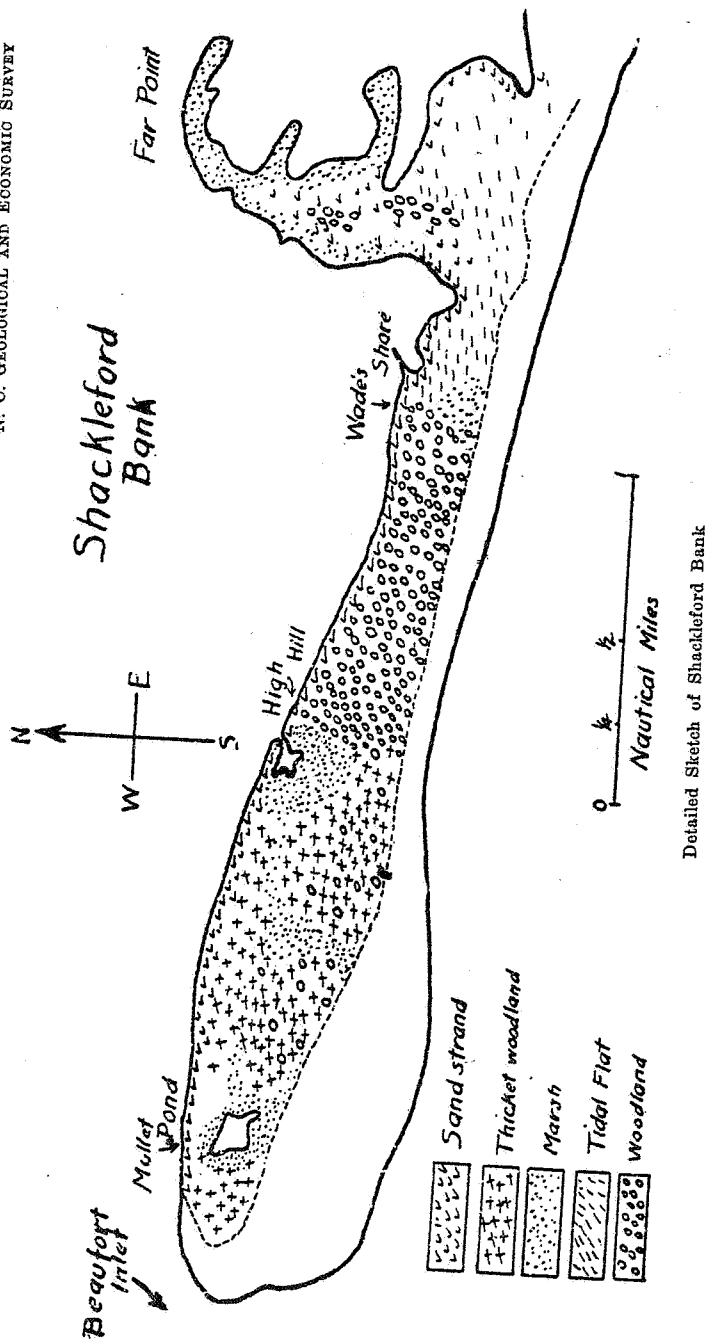
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THE VEGETATION

Shackleford Bank extends from the east to Beaufort Inlet, and, on an average, is about 1/2 mile wide. It is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean on the east, and by sand reefs bordering the Atlantic Ocean on the west.

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¹Notes on the Geology of North Carolina, Vol. 23, No. 1, 1907.

THE VEGETATION OF SHACKLEFORD BANK

BY I. F. LEWIS.

INTRODUCTION

Shackleford Bank is the strip of land extending from Cape Lookout on the east to Beaufort Inlet on the west. It is about eight miles long and, on an average, half a mile broad. On the south it is bounded by the Atlantic Ocean, on the north by Bogue Sound. Together with Core Bank, with which it is continuous, it forms a long link in the chain of sand reefs bordering the southeastern coast of the United States.

GEOLOGY

Evidence has recently been brought forward by Cobb¹ to show that this long sand reef is essentially a part of the mainland, and that the adjoining sound may be regarded as the estuary of a river which was formerly "a southern tributary of the large river made up of the Pamlico and the Neuse."

SOILS

The soils of Shackleford may be classified under three heads: (a) A fine white marine sand, with little or no humus, is found on the outer beach, the dunes, and in places bordering the sound. (b) A gray sandy loam in the elevated central portion of the Bank. The quantity of humus in the soil varies. In places it is slight in amount, but usually it is present in sufficient quantities to form a good garden soil, capable of supporting a luxuriant vegetation. (c) In the marshes on the sound side of the bank a black mud, 1 to 2 feet deep, is found overlying a sandy substratum.

The soil water is usually 18 inches or less below the surface, and, with the exception noted below, uniformly fresh. Even where the tides cover the marshes, and water standing on the surface is salt, with a specific gravity of 1.023, the soil water is fresh. In this case the ground water probably comes up from below through the sand, the soil being too impervious to allow the surface salt water to percolate through to the fresh water below. Only in the *Spartina-Salicornia* marshes, which are constantly wet with salt water, is the ground water not fresh. Wherever plants other than *Spartina glabra* (*stricta*), *Salicornia* spp. or *Borrchia frutescens* grow, the ground water is fresh.

¹Notes on the Geology of Core Bank, N. C.: Journal of the Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society. Vol. 23, No. 1. 1907.

PHYSIOGRAPHY

The elevation of Shackleford varies from sea-level in the marshes to 20-25 feet in the higher ground of the interior. Toward Cape Lookout Light are some shifting dunes perhaps 35 or 40 feet high.

The physiographic conditions on Shackleford are causing rapid changes in the vegetation of the Bank, which will be referred to later. At present it is sufficient to state that the sand of the beach is advancing on the forest at a comparatively rapid rate, destroying the vegetation in its path.

CLIMATE

The climate of Shackleford is very similar to that of Hatteras, described by Kearney.¹ From data furnished by the United States Weather Bureau for Beaufort (2 miles from Shackleford) and Hatteras, the following points of difference are taken:

The annual mean temperature of Beaufort for the last six years is 63.6° F. (17.5° C.), while that for Hatteras for the same period is 62.3° F. (16.8° C.). The maximum summer temperature of Beaufort is slightly higher (about 3° F.) than that of Hatteras, while the minimum winter temperature is slightly lower. There are practically no days at either place when the temperature does not rise as high as 43° F. (6° C.).

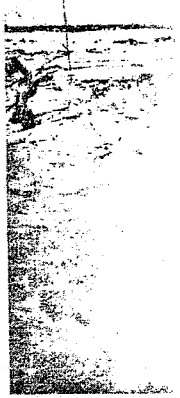
The latest killing frost in spring, and the earliest in autumn, occur at about the same time in both places (February 25 and December 13).

The amount of sunshine during the year is less at Beaufort than at Hatteras. At Beaufort the average number of rainy days during the year is 128, clear days 117, as against 118 and 204 for Hatteras. The intensity of light is greatly increased at both places by reflection from the water and the white sand, so that the actual amount of light available for the use of plants is greater than at an inland station with the same number of sunshiny days.

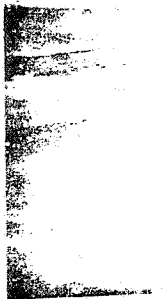
No data are available for determining the atmospheric humidity. The prevailing wind during the growing season is from the southwest, and is laden with moisture from the Gulf Stream, so that the average humidity is probably not less than at Hatteras, where it is notably high.

The annual rainfall is even greater at Beaufort than at Hatteras. During the years 1896-97-98 and 1906-07-08 (the only years for which data on this point are available for both stations) the average annual precipitation at Beaufort was 58.59 inches, at Hatteras 53.12 inches. However, the estimated mean annual precipitation is greater for Hat-

¹Kearney: The Plant Covering of Ocracoke Island: Contributions from the U. S. Nat. Herb., Vol. 5, No. 5. 1900.



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A. Portion of the outer beach, showing a small dune built up by *Uniola paniculata*. Around it are remnants of a destroyed forest



B. The stable barrier dune of the outer beach on Bogue Bank, formed by *Uniola paniculata*. (Photograph by R. E. Coker)

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terras than for Beaufort (Hatteras 60.55 inches, Beaufort 52.55 inches).¹ These figures differ somewhat from those quoted by Kearney for Hatteras.

The precipitation is fairly uniform throughout the year. No prolonged period of drought is liable to occur.

The prevailing wind during the growing season is from the southwest. This is the wind which most affects the woody vegetation, so that the trees in exposed positions incline strongly to the northeast, the windward (southwest) side being denuded of branches, while the foliage lies mainly to leeward of the axis. Just the opposite is reported for the trees on Ocracoke.²

NOMENCLATURE

The nomenclature adopted is that of Gray's Manual of Botany, 7th edition, revised by Robinson and Fernald, and in the case of plants not listed in this work, of Small's Southern Flora.

Exact determination of the plants found is of the highest importance in such an account as this. This has been made possible by the kindness of Dr. John K. Small, of the New York Botanical Garden, to whom specimens of practically all the plants listed were sent. I wish to express here my thanks to Dr. Small for his assistance.

PLANT FORMATIONS

The plants occurring on Shackleford Bank may be arranged in the following groups:

I. Sand strand vegetation.

1. Treeless (open):

- a. Inner beach formation: *Croton-Cenchrus* association.
- b. Outer beach formation: *Salsola-Euphorbia* association.
- c. Dune formation: *Uniola paniculata* association.

2. Trees and shrubs (closed):

- a. Thicket formation: *Ilex vomitoria* association.
- b. Thicket woodland formation: *Persea-Callicarpa* association.
- c. Woodland formation: *Quercus virginiana* association.

II. Marsh vegetation.

- 1. Salt marsh formation (closed): *Spartina-Salicornia* association.
- 2. Creek marsh formation (closed): *Juncus-Eleocharis* association.
- 3. Dune marsh formation:
 - a. *Cladium-Kostelezkyia* association.
 - b. *Proserpinaca-Aspidium* association.

¹From Annual Summary, N. C. Section of Climatological Service of the U. S. Weather Bureau, 1903, p. 105.

²Kearney, l. c., pp. 266, 271. I am informed by Mr. W. B. Longest of Beaufort, who has visited Ocracoke daily for some years, that Kearney is in error as to this matter. Mr. Longest states that at Ocracoke, as elsewhere on our coast, the trees are most affected by the summer winds (off the sea), and that the axes of the trees incline toward the North.

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c. *Isnardia-Pluchea* association.

d. *Acorus-Salix* association.

4. Tidal flat formation (closed): *Scirpus-Paspalum* association.

I. SAND STRAND VEGETATION.

1. TREELESS (OPEN).

a. INNER BEACH FORMATION.

This formation fringes the sound side of Shackleford except in a few places where the salt marsh extends to the water's edge. The soil is a fine sand, bare of vegetation up to the limits of mean high tide. Above this limit *Spartina patens*, *Cenchrus tribuloides*, and *Croton maritimus*, all perennial species, occur commonly, though not covering the ground completely. *Chenopodium Botrys*, *Physalis viscosa*, and *Salsola Kali* are of common, though not universal, occurrence.

b. OUTER BEACH FORMATION.

The sandy soil is mixed with broken fragments of shells. The soil water stands at a depth of about 12 inches, and is fresh. The outer beach is overrun by the highest winter tides, but is above the mean high-tide line.

The vegetation is sparse and open, the individual plants standing at wide intervals. The loose character of the soil imparts a desert aspect to the vegetation. *Salsola Kali*, *Euphorbia polygonifolia*, and *Amaranthus pumilus* are characteristic of this formation. *Fimbristylis castanea* and *Spartina juncea* (*patens*) occur occasionally.

c. DUNE FORMATION.

The sand accumulated on the dunes is wind-blown and of fine texture. The soil water is fresh and stands at a depth of 18-24 inches.

The dunes are covered with *Uniola paniculata*, whose flowering stalks, sent up in abundance, are very striking. This species appears to set seed rarely in this locality. Besides the *Uniola*, *Physalis viscosa*, *Croton punctatus*, *Solidago sempervirens*, and *Oenothera humifusa* are present. This formation reaches its best development on the neighboring Bogue Bank. (See Plates II A and B and Plate III A.)

2. TREES AND SHRUBS.

a. THICKET FORMATION.

The soil is sandy, with a slight admixture of humus. Owing to its being completely shaded, it dries out much less readily than the open sandy soil of the preceding formations.

Ilex romitoria, from a few inches to 3 feet high, covers the ground so closely that one can with difficulty make his way through the thickets. Where a break occurs in the vegetation, *Ilex opaca*, *Juniperus virginiana*, *Smilax Bona-nox*, *Myrica carolinensis*, and other species occur.

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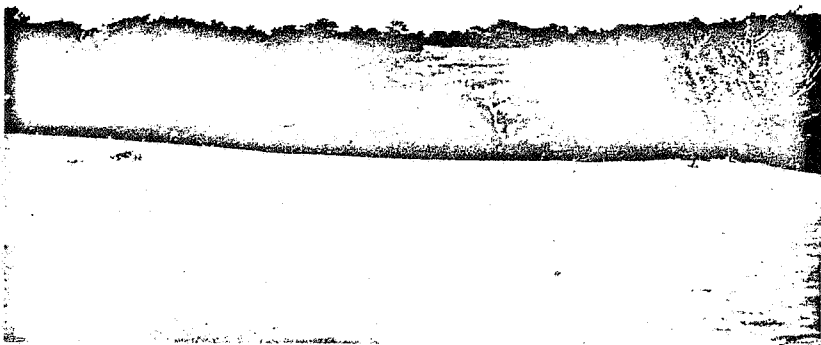
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A. Face view of the barrier dune on Bogue Bank



B. View of thicket woodland and marsh, taken from the sand wall

b. THICKET WOODLAND FORMATION.

The soil here is a light sandy loam. The vegetation is very dense and consists of a large number of species of trees, shrubs, herbs, and woody vines. The trees commonly occurring are *Persea pubescens*, *Quercus nigra*, *Osmanthus americanus*, *Pinus taeda*, and *Juniperus virginiana*. Of shrubs the most striking are *Ilex vomitoria*, *Myrica cerifera*, *Callicarpa americana*, *Ilex glabra*, and *Sabal glabra*. Characteristic herbs are *Asplenium platyneuron*, *Anychistrum Baldwinii*, *Lechea villosa*, *Hieracium Gronovii*, *Elephantopus nudatus*, *Acalypha gracilens*, *Ascyrum hypericoides*, *Galactia volubilis*, *Desmodium paniculatum*, and species of *Panicum*. Woody vines are very conspicuous. *Berchemia scandens*, *Smilax Bona-nox*, *S. laurifolia*, *Vitis rotundifolia*, and *Pseuder (Parthenocissus) quinquefolia* are most abundant. (See Plate III B and Plate IV A and B.)

c. WOODLAND FORMATION.

On all the higher parts of the island except the dunes, the soil is a deep light sandy loam. On this trees reach a considerable size. The vegetation is much less dense than that of the previously described thicket woodland. Common trees are *Quercus virginiana*, *Carpinus caroliniana*, *Ilex opaca*, *Morus rubra*, and *Quercus phellos (laurifolia)*. *Ilex vomitoria* and *Zanthoxylum Clava-Herculis* occur commonly as well developed shrubs. The characteristic herbs are *Stipa avenacea*, *Uniola laxa*, *Jatropha stimulosa*, and *Eustachys petraea*. Woody vines, while of common occurrence, are less conspicuous than in the thicket woodland formation. (See Plate V A.)

II. MARSH VEGETATION.

1. SALT MARSH FORMATION.

This formation occurs commonly along the border of the sound. The soil is a blackish mud about 2 feet deep, very impenetrable to surface water. The surface is usually covered with salt water at high tide, yet the soil water, about 12 inches below the surface, may remain perfectly fresh.

The only plants occurring always in this formation are *Spartina glabra (stricta)*, *Salicornia ambigua*, and occasionally *Borrchia frutescens*. At one point opposite Cape Lookout *Salicornia mucronata (Bigelowii)* replaces the elsewhere universal *S. ambigua*. On the next Bank to the north, Ocracoke Island, Kearney¹ reports, in a similar formation, *Salicornia europaea (herbacea)* associated with *Spartina stricta (glabra)*. (See Plate V B.)

¹Kearney, l. c.

2. CREEK MARSH FORMATION.

The conditions of soil and soil water are the same as in the preceding formation. The creek-marsh formation is not, however, covered at mean high tide.

The characteristic plants of this formation are *Juncus Roemerianus*, *Seutera palustris*, and *Eleocharis albida*. Abundant are *Scirpus americanus*, *Gerardia maritima*, *Fimbristylis castanea*. (See Plate VI A and B.)

3. DUNE MARSH FORMATION.

The soil is dark as in the salt marsh formation, but is not reached even by winter high tides and the surface water is therefore fresh.

a. Where the drainage is good, the surface water running into small creeks which make their way to the sound, occurs a rich plant covering characteristic of which are *Cladium jamaicense*, *Kosteletzkya virginica*; abundant are *Boehmeria cylindrica*, *Cyperus strigosus*, *Ipomoea sagittata*, *Lippia nodiflora*, *Bacopa Monniera*, (*Monniera Monniera*), *Ammania Koehnii*, *Dichromena colorata*.

b. Where the marsh is inclosed on all sides by neighboring high ground, the drainage is very poor. As already mentioned, the black soil is very impenetrable, and the surface water stands almost indefinitely, becoming dark brown in color. Here *Ludvigia palustris*, *Pluchea foetida*, *P. camphorata*, and *Cyperus haspan* are the characteristic species.

c. In a few places such a poorly drained area seems liable to be covered by the highest winter tides. Here *Proserpinaca pectinata* and *Aspidium Thelypteris* dominate the vegetation.

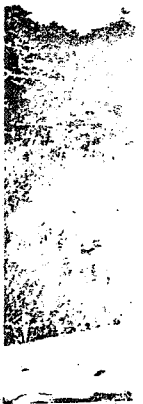
d. In the lee of the highest dunes near the eastern end of the Bank are permanent pools (1-3 feet deep) where *Acorus Calamus* and *Salix* sp. are common. Around these pools occur many of the species noted above. (See Plate VII A and B.)

4. TIDAL FLAT FORMATION.

This occurs wherever an area originally occupied by the dune marsh has become sanded over. The soil is a mixture of the mud of the swamp and the sand which has drifted in. The characteristic association is made up of dwarfed *Scirpus americanus*, 6-8 inches high, and of *Paspalum distichum*. *Fimbristylis castanea* and *Spartina patens* are often met with. All of these are plants at home in the marshes. Besides them, *Euphorbia polygonifolia* and *Cenchrus tribuloides* occur as invaders from the sand strand.



A. Thicket





A. Thicket woodland. The trees, *Juniperus virginiana*, and the woody vines, *Berchemia scandens*



B. Dune marsh and thicket woodland

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GENERAL ACCOUNT OF SHACKLEFORD VEGETATION

The western end of the island presents a sandy shore both to the sea and to the sound. The sand strand vegetation on the sound side is formed of scattered specimens, only a few species being represented. The most characteristic are *Spartina patens*, *Cenchrus tribuloides*, and *Croton punctatus*. About twenty other species, both annual and perennial, occur occasionally or commonly with these. The majority are either halophytic or pronouncedly xerophytic. The vegetation, like that of the outer beach, is desert-like and unattractive.

Leaving the sound, the strand rises a few feet and passes into the higher ground in the center of the Bank. Here the knolls, of loose sandy texture, are occupied by a thicket vegetation, while in the hollows are swampy areas, with the soil black mud, on which flourishes a luxuriant herbaceous vegetation.

Passing through this area toward the sea one comes on an advancing sand wall, 10 to 20 feet high, which is burying the vegetation at a rapid rate.¹ On the sandy plateau south of this some cedars still stand, the alburnum eaten away by the driving sand, the heart-wood sound. Some of these trees have been uprooted and lie almost completely buried. Others are upright, the topmost branches alone showing above the sand. On those dead cedars which are not covered by the sand are frequently to be found masses of lianas, their leafy crowns replacing those of the dead trees exactly, so that in the distance the trees seem to be living. One such dead *Juniperus* bore five lianas, forming a dense mat where the crown of the tree was, and rooting in the sand. The soil water at this point was 18 inches below the surface and quite fresh. The usual woody vines growing on these outposts of vegetation are *Psedera* (*Parthenocissus*) *quinquefolia*, *Vitis rotundifolia*, *Cissus arborea*, *Rhus radicans*, and *Berchemia scandens*.

Besides these remnants of a once vigorous forest growth, there are present on the sandy plateau between the thickets and the sea only a few scattered specimens of the species usual on the outer beach. The shifting soil is no doubt responsible for the sparseness of living vegetation in this portion of the island. At one point, near the western end, a few small dunes have been built up by the growth of the sea oats (*Uniola*).² The dunes are low and dome-shaped. Since they are isolated from one another, they do not form a barrier between the outer sand and the inner thickets, as is the case on the neighboring Bogue Bank.³ They are growing and spreading, however, and in time, if left undisturbed, will afford some protection to the vegetation at this end of the Bank.

¹Figs. 4, 6, 11, 12.

²Fig. 1.

³Figs. 2, 3.

The interior of this portion of the island is covered by a very dense vegetation, through which it is difficult to force a passage. The lower ground possesses a black, impervious soil, constantly wet with rain-water, and covered by a dense herbaceous growth. Around these fresh-water swamps the sandy elevations are covered with shrubs and small trees.¹ Woody vines are especially abundant here, growing with a tropical luxuriance which contrasts strangely with the desert-like aspect of the beach formations.²

Between High Hill and Mullet Pond (see map) the sound is bordered by salt marshes, which are overflowed at high tide. The vegetation here is constant in character and appearance. A dense stand of *Spartina glabra*, in which *Salicornia ambigua* is abundant, gives the marshes a uniform grassy appearance. This association is invaded rarely, and then only by *Borrichia frutescens*.

Above the level of ordinary high tides the marsh is given a more varied aspect by the presence of a number of invading species. Of these, *Juncus Roemerianus* is one of the first to appear. This is a large, tall rush, the dark clumps of which dot the marshes here and there. Climbing on the rush is usually to be found a narrow-leaved, slender herb, *Seutera palustris*. Between the hummocks of *Juncus* occurs commonly *Gerardia maritima*, forming purple patches on the level swamp.

East of High Hill the ground is uniformly high, from 10 to 20 feet above sea-level, and the sand strand is quite narrow. In this stretch occurs open woodland, where the vegetation is not so dense as in the thicket woodland farther west. The characteristic trees are *Quercus virginiana*, *Q. phellos*, *Persea pubescens*, *Morus rubra*, and *Ilex opaca*. While some of these trees are of considerable size, none of them attain the dimensions of the same species on the less exposed mainland. Between them *Ilex vomitoria* (yaupon) is the usual shrub, here being beset with numerous short thorn-like branches. Woody vines are conspicuous, the species being identical with those mentioned as occurring occasionally on the sandy plateau bordering the sea beach.³

At about the level of Wade's Shore the open woodland begins to be succeeded by dune marshes. Here the black soil retains the rain-water, which stands at a level of 6-12 inches, and which is brown in color like the "Juniper water" of the Dismal Swamp. These marshes are not of great extent and lie on the seaward side, near the wall of advancing sand.

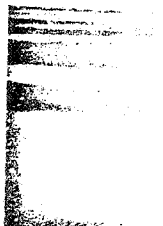
From this point to Cape Lookout both forest and swamp have disappeared completely save for one or two small groves of live oak, which

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³Fig. 7.

PLATE V



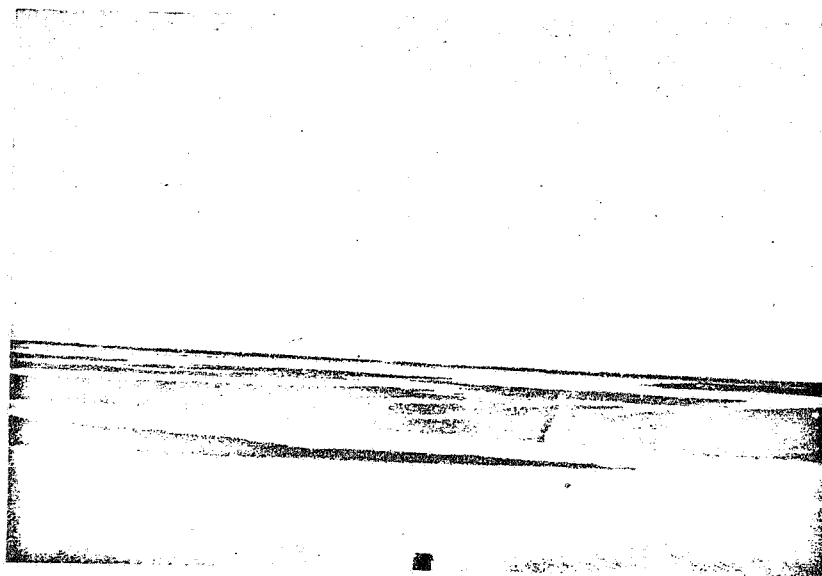
A. Open



B. Salt



A. Open woodland, the sand drifting in to the right. *Quercus virginiana* and *Juniperus virginiana*



B. Salt marshes (*Spartina* and *Salicornia*) near the Fisheries Laboratory
(Photo by R. E. Coker)

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have been able to resist the advancing sand. Elsewhere this portion of the island is a sandy waste, with little or no vegetation, except that in the lower places may be seen evidences of the swamps that existed here before the advancing sand covered the island from the sea to the sound. In such low flat areas *Scirpus americanus* and *Fimbristylis castanea*, most tolerant of sand and drought of all the marsh species, continue to exist side by side with *Croton punctatus*, *Salsola Kali*, and *Cenchrus tribuloides*, plants at home on the sand strand. *Paspalum distichum* often covers the ground with a weak but uniform turf in such spots, and *Spartina patens* is usually present.

The sand strand also does not extend east of Wade's Shore, but gives way to the flat salt marshes, which border the sound.

Not far from Cape Lockout, about 400 yards from the sea, are dunes some 40 feet high. In the lee of these are fresh pools, fed by seepage from the dunes. *Acorus Calamus* and *Salix sp.* are here present, while around the pools are the shrubs of the thicket formation, occurring toward the western end of the island.

THE VEGETATION OF BOGUE BANK

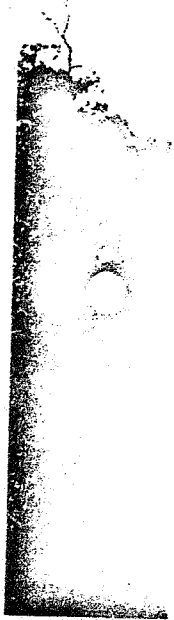
On this bank, which extends west from Beaufort Inlet, physiographic conditions have produced a much more stable configuration than on Shackleford. A line of dunes about 20 feet high, formed and covered by sea-oats (*Uniola*) extends along the bank, and protects the vegetation in its lee from the encroachments of drifting sand. Back of the dunes on the eastern end of the bank for a distance of about five miles the ground is covered by thickets somewhat like those described for Shackleford, though the woody plants are here smaller and more shrubby. *Ilex vomitoria* is the dominant shrub, while *Zanthoxylum Clava-Herculis* and *Juniperus virginiana* are common. In the more open places are the herbs and shrubs characteristic of similar localities on Shackleford.

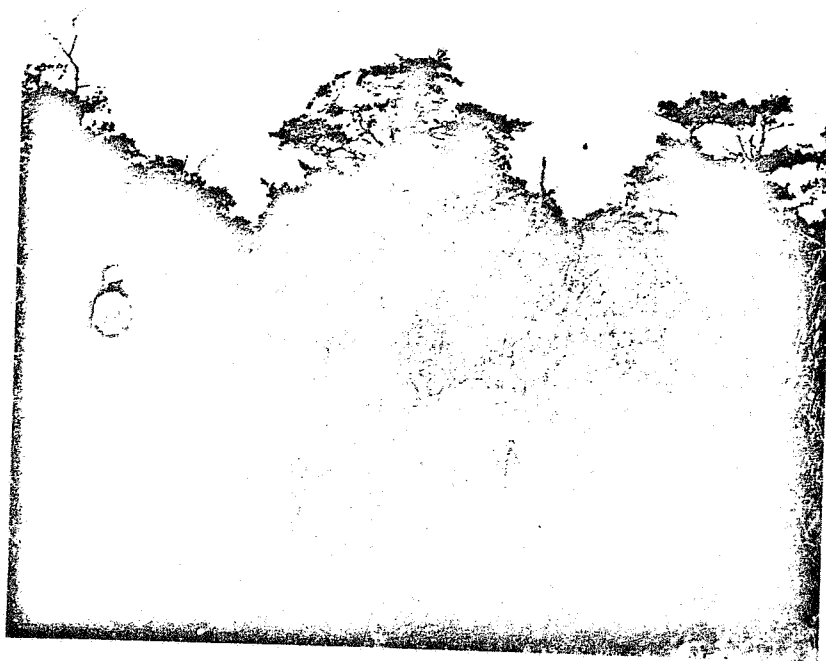
From about five miles west of the Inlet, the Hoop Pole woods cover the bank, the beach being here quite narrow. The woods are protected by a barrier dune, or sand wall, held in place by *Uniola* and various sand-binding herbs and shrubs, among which a low form of *Ilex vomitoria* is abundant. The Hoop Pole woods themselves are composed mostly of hardwood trees of considerable size, with an admixture of pines and cypresses. The forest here is quite similar to that of the adjacent mainland, and here flourish many plants which cannot endure the severer conditions on Shackleford. Botanically, Bogue Bank from Bogue Inlet to the eastern end of the Hoop Pole woods (about 20 miles) is a continuation of the mainland.

CONSERVATION OF THE VEGETATION

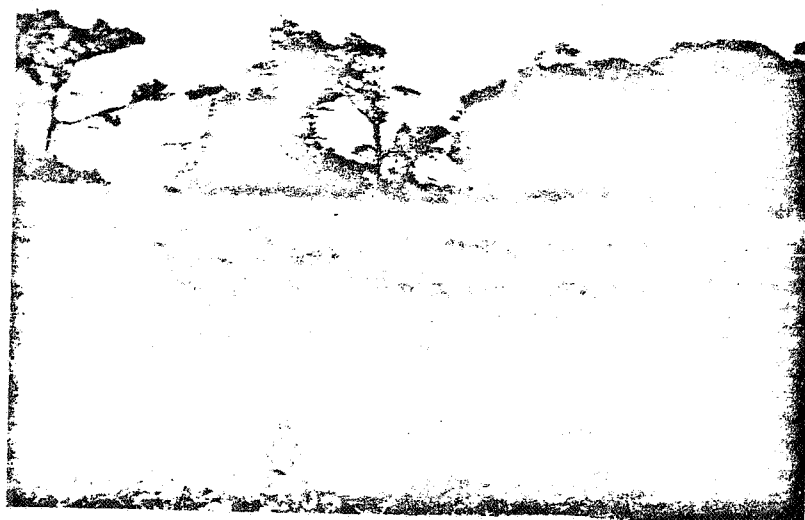
The vegetation of Shackleford Bank is described at some length because of the rapid changes in the physiography of the region now taking place. In the memory of living inhabitants, the Bank was well wooded over its entire extent, the strand separating the forest from the ocean beach being so narrow that it was "possible to sit in a tree and cast a fishing line into the water." Before the Civil War, however, cutting of timber, coupled with forest fires, the grazing of cattle and sheep, and the inroads of gales, had broken the protecting wall of vegetation and allowed the sand from the beach to blow in on the trees. Slowly at first, and then more and more rapidly, the sand was blown in on the vegetation, killing or covering the existing plants. At the present time the forest east of Wade's Shore (see map) has been destroyed, and this portion of the Bank is a sandy waste, with here and there a wind-blown dune sheltering a remnant of the former vegetation. In the western and wider portion of the Bank the progress of the sand has been slower, and perhaps half of the original plant covering remains. Here the work of destruction is going on at a rapid rate. The dry sand, blowing over the wide beach, is carried to the edge of the forest and there falls over a slope of an angle of about 30°. This sloping sand-wall is advancing on the forest at a rate of 4 to 12 feet a year and killing all vegetation in its path. As the beach broadens, the sand will drift in with increasing rapidity, until within a comparatively few years the forest-covering will be obliterated.

The results of this will be twofold. It will probably lead to the abandonment of Shackleford Bank as a permanent place of residence, because without the protection afforded by the vegetation, the winter storms will sweep over the land with such force as to make residence unsafe. In the second place, the sand will continue to drift north with increasing rapidity, and this will have a tendency to fill in the rather narrow sound lying between the bank and the mainland. The hindrance thus caused will be slight, because few boats now pass this way, the channel being tortuous and in places quite shallow. Of more importance will be the effect of the closing of the channel on the fisheries of the region. The enormous number of mullet and other fish now coming through Core Sound to Beaufort Inlet would pretty certainly be diverted to some other inlet farther northeast. Whether this would result in a diminution of the total catch of Pamlico and Core sounds, or whether the loss at one point would be compensated for by a gain at another, cannot be stated. At any rate there would be a serious disturbance to the conditions which now make fishing profitable in this region.





A. Creek marsh and thicket woodland



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For these two practical reasons, then, it seems desirable to protect the existing vegetation of Shackleford from further destruction by drifting sand. A third reason is not less important. From Cape Henry southward along our entire Atlantic Coast similar conditions are met with. What are now forest lands, some quite valuable, are being converted into sandy wastes. The methods which have proved successful in other parts of the world¹ in controlling shifting sands and converting them into forest lands have never been tried in this section to any extent, and it would be of practical and scientific value to conduct experiments along this line on Shackleford Bank. The area to be protected is rather small, so the cost of the experiments would not be very great.

The first step in such reclamation and conservation work would be the production of a barrier dune running along the sea beach similar to that employed on the Kurische Nehrung in Germany and on the southwestern coast of France. The first step in the formation of such a dune would be to form a long ridge of sand, 10-12 feet high, by means of a brush fence. This should consist of two rows of rough stakes or untrimmed branches, driven firmly into the sand and projecting two or more feet above the surface. Such a fence should be set 100 feet from the sea. It would cause the drifting sand to accumulate in a long ridge. When the ridge becomes 10 or 12 feet high, sea oats (*Uniola paniculata*) should be set out after the manner used in other countries in transplanting the sea marram (*Ammophila arenaria*). With some attention a barrier dune would be thus formed similar to that now protecting the Hoop Pole woods on the neighboring Bogue Bank.

After the barrier dune is formed, the region back of it, now a sandy plateau, should be planted in loblolly pine (*Pinus taeda*). The work of reclamation would then be complete, and occasional attention to the barrier dune, with the purpose of repairing accidental breaks due to storms, and preventing blow-outs, would make it permanent.

If the barrier dune is once formed, the work of reclaiming the sandy plateau would be greatly aided by various native plants. Of these the most important are *Spartina juncea*, *Fimbristylis castanea*, *Physalis viscosa*, and *Paspalum distichum*. *Ilex vomitoria*, which seeds very freely, would aid materially in providing a windbreak for the young pines. All the plants mentioned are valuable sand binders, since they have long branching roots or rhizomes which tend to hold the sand. Occasional clumps of *Salsola Kali*, *Cenchrus tribuloides*, *Oenothera humifusa*, *Euphorbia polygonifolia*, and *Solidago sempervirens* would also occur on such a formation, but would be of less importance because their roots strike vertically, rather than horizontally, into the sand.

¹Hitchcock, A. S., Methods used for controlling and reclaiming sand dunes: Bull. 57, Bureau of Plant Industry.

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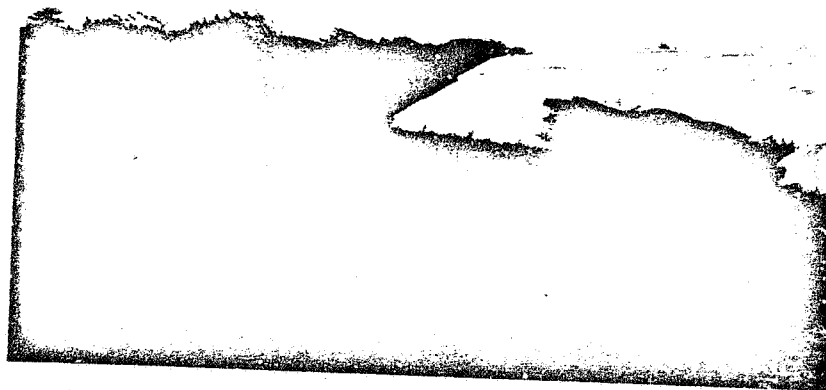
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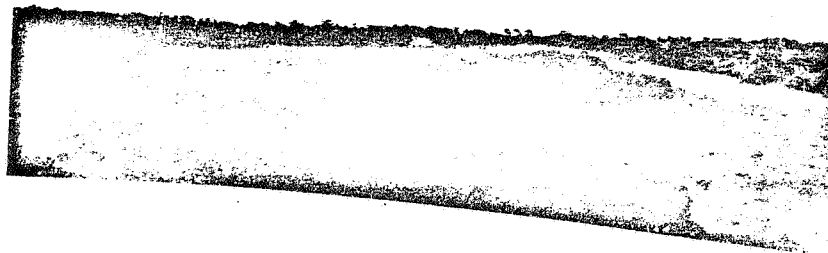
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PLATE VII

N. C. GEOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC SURVEY



A. Dune marsh and thicket woodland; on the right the advancing sand wall



B. View from the sand wall across the island to the sound

The entire strip involved in such an experiment as that suggested is about three miles long. The cost of building the brush fence cannot be stated with certainty, but would be in the neighborhood of \$500, while planting the sea oats would cost perhaps \$200 more.¹ The ultimate success of the operations would depend very largely on having a competent man to inspect the barrier dune occasionally, say once a month, and repair breaks by means of sand fences.

The prohibitive cost of the reclamation operations suggested by Bond² is estimated from his study of the conditions obtaining at Hatteras. The actual cost of reclamation work on Shackleford would be less than estimated by Bond, for the following reasons: (1) The fence need not be of board, since experience in other localities proves that sand is held sufficiently well by a rough fence or hedge built of untrimmed branches driven into the sand. (2) The sand ridge need not be built up to the height of 30 feet, as recommended by Bond. After the ridge has been raised 6 feet or so from the level of the beach, sea oats should be planted. This species, by its natural growth, would build up the ridge to the desired height.

These two matters are mentioned to show that the estimates of Bond were made without sufficient regard to the local conditions. His recommendations are taken from Hitchcock's paper (l. c.) on Controlling and Reclaiming Sand Dunes, which is based on a study of the methods used in the "Netherlands, Denmark, Germany, and France" (p. 5). These methods, to be successful on our coasts, must be adapted to local conditions, and a study of these conditions must precede successful reclamation work. The results of such a study I have endeavored to include in the present account.

SAND AND SOIL BINDING PLANTS AND THEIR ACTIONS

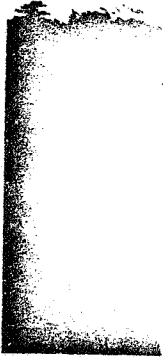
The character of the soil around Beaufort is such that physiographic agencies act rapidly. The sandy shoals in the sound, and therefore the channels, are constantly being shifted by tidal currents. The sands of the "banks" are extremely unstable, and are continually being moved about by the wind. There are certain natural agencies, however, which tend to check this extensive movement of the soil, and which must be the basis of any permanent fixation of the land. These are the work of sand and soil binding plants, somewhat similar to but not identical with the plants of the same function in other parts of the world.³

A brief account of these plants and their action will be given here.

¹These estimates were made in 1909, and must be modified on account of the great increase in the cost of labor.

²Biennial Report of the State Geologist, N. C. Geological and Economic Survey, pp. 42-48, Raleigh, 1908.

³See Hitchcock, l. c.



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SOIL-BUILDING PLANTS

The most important are *Spartina glabra*, *Salicornia ambigua*, and *Borrichia frutescens*. These are plants of the salt-marsh, and live only in situations where the soil is flooded at high tide, and where the water is comparatively quiet. They are an important factor in the formation of the numerous flat, marshy islands lying in Bogue Sound and around the mouth of Newport River. At first, sandy flats, quite bare of vegetation, are formed by the currents due to wind and tide. *Spartina* may gain a precarious foothold on the loose sand. It then sends its strong, thick rhizomes here and there, binding the sand on which it grows, adding humus, collecting and holding silt brought down by the rivers. In such situations the grass is stunted and sparse, but by thrusting a spade into the sand one sees that the substratum is closely occupied by the long heavy branching rhizomes long before the conditions are sufficiently favorable for the aerial part of the plant to send up its flowering stalks or even to produce very vigorous foliage. At this stage *Salicornia ambigua* may also gain a foothold and aid in reclaiming the sandy wastes. The building up is accomplished partly by the plants catching and holding the sand and silt brought to them by the currents and partly by the actual addition of dead and rotted plant substance. After these forces have been at work for some time the land may be raised nearly or quite out of reach of high tides, and invaders begin to appear in the highest ground and help build it up further. The common invaders in such situations are *Borrichia frutescens*, *Limonium carolinianum*, *Solidago sempervirens*, *Strophostyles umbellata*, *Iva oraria*, and *Spartina patens*.

All stages of this island-formation can be observed near the Fisheries Laboratory. On Shark Shoal¹ south of the Laboratory, the *Spartina* has just been established. To the north are broad flats of marsh with *Spartina*, *Salicornia*, and *Borrichia*. Where the currents of the water have aided in building up the land the other species mentioned above are to be seen. The town marsh is in a still later stage of development; woody species such as *Myrica cerifera*, and various grasses and herbs, have appeared.

Changes in the small islands of the sound are not all progressive. When the direction of the tidal currents is changed for any reason, the result may be the denudation of land already built up. Such denudation has occurred in a striking way on Bird Shoal, just south of the town of Beaufort. This island was, twenty years or so ago, of an elevation of 15 or 20 feet, and covered with a vigorous growth of plants,

¹*Spartina* has also been planted on Shark Shoal.

including sea oats (*Uniola*), *Myrica cerifera*, and many other species both shrubby and herbaceous. The action of storms, however, combined with changes in the direction of the tidal currents, has resulted in leveling this land until it is now completely covered at mean high tide. The only vegetation now occurring here is a sparse growth of *Spartina glabra*.

Another method of island-formation in neighboring waters has been described by Grave.¹

SAND-BINDING PLANTS

Methods for controlling and reclaiming shifting sands have been well worked out in other regions, and it is known with tolerable certainty just what may be expected of any species of sand-binding plants under given conditions. These conditions are the same the world over. High winds playing over dry sand furnish conditions for plant life that call for specially modified species to withstand them.

In controlling shifting sand, the first step is usually the formation of a barrier dune which will catch and break the full force of the wind; second, the sand back of the dune must be held in place until it can be forested; third, the forest must become established in the lee of the barrier dune.

For forming the barrier dune, beach grass (*Ammophila arenaria*) has been almost universally used. This species is not available at Beaufort. Its place is well supplied, however, by the sea oats (*Uniola paniculata*), which possesses all the features that make beach grass valuable in other localities. Its leaves are sufficiently tough to resist the action of blasts of dry sand driven at high speed. They are too flexible to be broken by direct action of the wind. The root-stocks are strong, heavy, and branching, and strike both vertically and obliquely into the sand, so that the plant is securely anchored, and the sand firmly held. Lastly, the constant movement of the sand is rather beneficial than injurious to *Uniola*.

That this species may be successfully used in forming a barrier dune is evidenced by Bogue Bank in the neighborhood of the Hoop Pole wood. Here the dune is stable, and furnishes complete protection to the forest.

The sea oats will prove most valuable in controlling shifting sand. It is not available, however, for reclaiming sandy wastes, for the reason that it flourishes only where the sand is constantly moving. Where the sand, sheltered by a barrier dune, is comparatively stable, other species

¹Grave, C., Investigations for the Promotion of the Oyster Industry in North Carolina; U. S. Fish Commission Report, pp. 260-264. 1903.



PLATE VIII

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A. Sand wall advancing on woodland



B. "Graveyard" of forest, some of the dead trees covered with lianas

are required to hold it in place and, by the addition of humus, to furnish the conditions necessary for a permanent plant covering. Of these species, by far the most valuable in this locality are *Spartina patens* (*S. juncea*) and *Physalis viscosa*. The latter possesses the toughness of leaf necessary to resist the driving particles of sand, and has, in addition, very long, slender, tough, branching root-stocks, which are admirably adapted to hold in place the sand throughout a considerable area around each individual plant. In one plant one of the root-stocks, not including the branches, was found to be upwards of 45 feet in length. Furthermore, *Physalis* is a perennial plant which sets seed freely. *Spartina patens* possesses the same advantages, although the root-stocks are not so long, and is, in addition, more able to resist adverse conditions. The other species which flourish on more or less unstable sand, such as *Euphorbia polygonifolia*, *Croton punctatus*, *Cenchrus tribuloides*, and others, are not so valuable as sand binders, because they lack the extensive branching root-stocks of the two species mentioned first, and because the majority (*Croton punctatus* is an exception to this rule) are annual plants, which are useful only in the summer. One shrubby plant, *Lea oraria*, would prove valuable if it could endure the severe conditions obtaining on sandy areas exposed to the full sweep of the wind; this has not yet been demonstrated. Figure X, B, shows this species forming a stable dune where it is somewhat protected from the wind. Another, *Ilex vomitoria*, is an efficient sand binder and an excellent windbreak when it once gets a foothold. It is difficult to transplant, however, and it is somewhat doubtful whether it would grow from seed in exposed sandy localities. If any reclamation operations are undertaken, efforts should be made to establish it on the exposed sand.

GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF SHACKLEFORD PLANTS

The entire chain of sandbanks along the North Carolina coast lies in the Austro-riparian area of the Lower Austral Zone.¹ This area includes the coast region beginning from the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay and the coastal plain region of the South Atlantic and Gulf States from North Carolina to Texas, with the exception of the southern extremity of Florida. An analysis of the flora of Shackleford shows the Austro-riparian element to be dominant at this place. Over 24 per cent of the total number of plants listed are characteristic of the flora of this area. These are as follows:

¹See Merriam, The Geographical Distribution of Animals and Plants in North America: Year Book, U. S. Department of Agriculture, 1894, pp. 203-214. Also, Life Zones and Crop Zones of the United States, Bull. 10, Biol. Survey, 1895.

1. Maritime species:

<i>Borrchia frutescens</i> † *	<i>Seutera</i> (<i>Vincetoxicum</i>) <i>palustris</i> † *
<i>Croton punctatus</i> † *	<i>Suaeda</i> (<i>Dondia</i>) <i>linearis</i> † *
<i>Cyperus tetragonus</i> †	<i>Uniola paniculata</i> † *
<i>Eustachys petraea</i> † *	<i>Yucca aloifolia</i> † *
<i>Heliotropium curassivicum</i> † *	—
<i>Physalis viscosa</i> † *	10

2. Species normally occurring near the coast:

<i>Berchemia scandens</i> †	<i>Laurocerasus caroliniana</i> †
<i>Callicarpa americana</i> †	<i>Lyonia</i> (<i>Pieris</i>) <i>nitida</i> † *
<i>Cicuta curtissii</i> †	<i>Osmanthus americanus</i> †
<i>Cissus</i> (<i>Ampelopsis</i>) <i>arborea</i> † *	<i>Panicum lancearium</i> †
<i>Cyperus haspan</i> † *	<i>Paspalum distichum</i> † *
<i>Cyperus microdontus</i> † *	<i>Persea borbonia</i> †
<i>Fimbristylis spadicea</i> † *	<i>Persea pubescens</i> †
<i>Gaura augustifolia</i> †	<i>Quercus virginiana</i> † *
<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i> †	<i>Rubus trivialis</i> †
<i>Ilex vomitoria</i> †	<i>Sacciolepis striata</i> † *
<i>Ipomoea sagittata</i> † *	<i>Solanum gracile</i> † *
<i>Iva imbricata</i> † *	<i>Vincetoxicum suberosum</i> †
<i>Jatropha stimulosa</i> †	<i>Zanthoxylum Clava-Herculis</i> † *
<i>Kneiffia arenicola</i> †	—
<i>Ludvigia alata</i> †	29
<i>Ludvigia microcarpa</i> †	

3. Species occurring normally on the costal plain:

<i>Arenaria lanuginosa</i> † *	<i>Ludvigia virgata</i> †
<i>Cladium jamaicense</i> † *	<i>Paspalum laeve australe</i> †
<i>Commelina angustifolia</i> †	<i>Passiflora incarnata</i> † *
<i>Croton glandulosus</i> † *	<i>Polygonum setaceum</i> †
<i>Cynoctonum mitreola</i> † *	<i>Sporobolus indicus</i> † *
<i>Dichromena latifolia</i> †	<i>Stenophyllus stenophyllus</i> †
<i>Eleocharis ochreata</i> † *	<i>Vaccinium arboreum</i> †
<i>Eupatorium capillifolium</i> † *	—
<i>Juncus megacephalus</i> †	16

Total number of strictly Austro-riparian species occurring on Shackleford, 55.

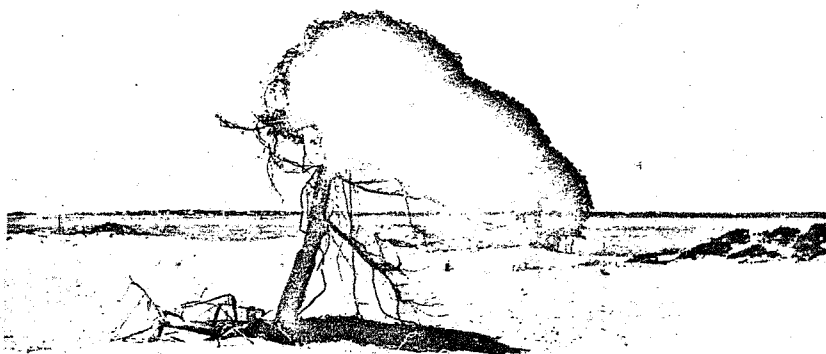
To this list may be added ten species which are stated by Small not to occur north of South Carolina. The ranges quoted are taken from Small's Southern Flora. These species are:

- Andropogon tetrastachyus* ("South Carolina to Florida and California").
- Anychiastrum Baldwinii* ("Georgia to Louisiana and Florida").
- **Eleocharis microcarpa* ("Florida to Louisiana. Also in Cuba").
- **Lagenaria vulgaris* ("Gulf States and throughout the Tropics").

*Also in tropics.

†Northern limit North Carolina.

‡Northern limit Virginia.



A. Dead *Juniperus* covered with lianas



B. View of High Hill from the sound, showing the rise of the land at this point

- Lippia nodiflora* ("Georgia to Florida").
Paspalum floridanum ("South Carolina to Florida, west to Texas").
Rubus persistens ("South Carolina to Florida and Mississippi").
Rynchospora stipitata ("In river swamps, Florida").
Sabal glabra ("South Carolina to Florida and Louisiana").
 **Verbena polystachya* ("Florida, through the Gulf States to California").

Spiranthes ovalis has also not been reported from this State. *Festuca rubra* ranges from Labrador to Virginia, mostly near the coast.

Of the species listed which are not confined to the Austro-riparian area, 27 are maritime and 28 usually occur along the coast. The northern limits of these species are from Nova Scotia to Maryland. With few exceptions they range all along the shores of the South Atlantic and Gulf States.

Of the remaining species, the great majority are weeds of wide distribution, and not confined to or characteristic of any one phytogeographical area. Of these, 137 range practically throughout the United States except on the Pacific slope, while 21 occur throughout the Carolinian and Austro-riparian areas. Leaving out of consideration these species and the wide-ranging strand-forms, it is seen that the flora of Shackleford is almost typically Austro-riparian in its character. The absence of many forms usually occurring in this area¹ is to be attributed, no doubt, to the severe conditions for plant life on the sand banks, since these species are abundant on the mainland, only one to two miles away.

It is worthy of note that the species found also in more northern areas which extend as far south as Beaufort, usually extend also throughout the Austro-riparian area to Florida and the Gulf States. There are only ten exceptions to this rule, or 3 per cent of the whole. In the list the northern and southern limits are indicated in parentheses.

- Allium vineale* (Connecticut to Georgia).
Amaranthus pumilus (Rhode Island to South Carolina).
Celtis occidentalis (Quebec to North Carolina).
Chenopodium Botrys (Nova Scotia to Georgia).
Digitaria filiformis (Massachusetts to North Carolina).
Festuca rubra (Labrador to Virginia).
Panicum dichotomum (Connecticut to Georgia).
Panicum spretum (New York to Georgia).
Polypogon monspeliensis (New Hampshire to South Carolina).
Vitis labrusca (New England to Georgia).

¹See Kearney, l. c., p. 314.

COMPARISON OF BEAUFORT FLORA WITH THAT OF OTHER LITTORAL REGIONS

	Species	Genera
I. Ocracoke Island (Kearney, l. c.)—		
Total number.....	135	111
Also found at Beaufort.....	107	99
Per cent common to both localities.....	79.2	89.2
II. Isle of Palms, S. C.¹		
Total number.....	115	96
Also found at Beaufort.....	81	88
Per cent common to both localities.....	70.4	91.6
Per cent common to Ocracoke and Isle of Palms.....	40.8	
III. Alabama²—		
Total number.....	107	83
Also found at Beaufort.....	41	56
Per cent common to both localities.....	38.3	67.4
IV. Florida Keys³—		
Total number.....	84 ⁴	76
Also found at Beaufort.....	9	25
Per cent common to both localities.....	10.7	32.9

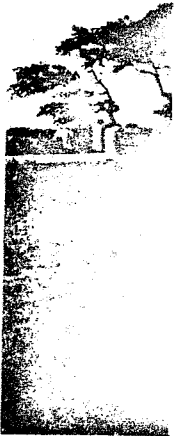
Of the species listed by Mohr for Alabama, only those are counted here which are stated to occur in the littoral belt. The great majority of Beaufort species occur in the coastal plain region of Alabama, while only 41 per cent are characteristic of the littoral belt. The table serves to show how closely the floras of littoral North and South Carolina approximate, and also how much more nearly similar the floras of Alabama and Beaufort are than those of the Florida Keys and Beaufort. Of the regions compared, the Florida Keys are alone outside the Austro-riparian area.

¹Coker, W. C., Observations on the Flora of the Isle of Palms, Charleston, S. C.; Torreya, V, 135-145, 1905.

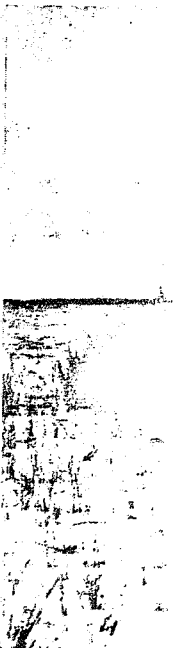
²Mohr, C., Plant Life of Alabama; Contributions from the U. S. National Herbarium, VI, 921, pp., 1901.

³Millsbaugh, C. F., Flora of the Sand Keys of Florida; Publications of the Field Columbian Museum, II, 191-245, 1907.

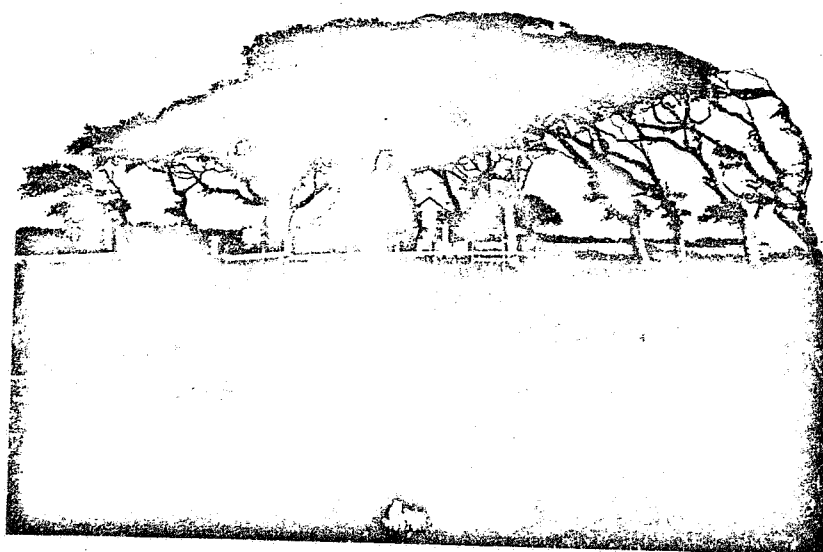
⁴Of these, 62 are confined to Florida and the tropics.



4. Isolated grove



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A. Isolated grove of live-oak (*Quercus virginiana*) on mainland; similar to those on Shackleford. (Photo by W. D. Hoyt)



B. Small dune formed by *Iva oraria*; in the foreground is *Spartina patens*

LIST OF SPECIES¹

POLYPODIACEÆ

- i* Aspidium Thelypteris (L.) Sw.;
 Dryopteris Thelypteris (L.) A.
 Gray.
e Asplenium platyneuron (L.) Oakes.
f† Onoclea sensibilis L.
f Polypodium polypodioides (L.)
 Hitch.
f Pteris aquilina L.

OSMUNDACEÆ

- f* Osmunda regalis L.

PINACEÆ

- e* Juniperus virginiana L.
f Pinus taeda L.

TYPHACEÆ

- h* Typha angustifolia L.

SPARGANIACEÆ

- i** Sparganium americanum Nutt. var.
 androcladum (Engelm.) Fern. &
 Eames.; (S. androcladum (Eng.)
 Morong).

NAJADACEÆ

- Zostera marina* L.

JUNCAGINACEÆ

- h* Triglochin striata R. & P.

ALISMACEÆ

- * Saggittaria lancifolia* L.
i Saggittaria latifolia Willd.

GRAMINEÆ

- i†* Andropogon tetrastachyus Ell.
a, b Cenchrus tribuloides L.
Cynodon Dactylon (L.) pers.; (Ca-
priola Dactylon (L.) Ktze).

- Digitaria filiformis* (L.) Koeler;
 (Syntherisma filiformis (L.)
 Nash).

- Digitaria sanguinalis* (L.) Scop.;
 (Syntherisma filiformis (L.)
 Nash).

- h* Distichlis spicata (L.) Greene.

- i* Echinochloa Walteri (Pursh.) Nash;
 (Panicum Walteri Pursh).

- Eleusine indica* (L.) Gaert.

- Elymus virginicus* L.

- Eragrostis pectinacea* (Michx.)
 Steud.

- a* Eustachys petraea (Sw.) Desv.;
 (Chloris petraea Sw.).

- †** Festuca rubra L.

- Panicum* Sp.

- i* Panicum amarum Ell.

- Panicum anceps* Michx.

- e* Panicum commutatum Schultes.

- e* Panicum dichotomum L. (?)

- Panicum lancerearium* Trin. (?);
 (P. Nashianum Scribn. (?)).

- e* Panicum lanuginosum Ell.; (P. pu-
 bescens Lam.).

- e* Panicum sphaerocarpon Ell.

- e* Panicum spretum Schultes(?); (P.
 nitidum Lam. (?)).

- i* Panicum virgatum L.

- Paspalum ciliatifolium* Michx.

- f* Paspalum distichum L.

- †* Paspalum floridanum Michx.

- Paspalum laeve* Michx. var. australe
 Nash.

- Phleum pratense* L.

- Polypogon monspeliensis* (L.) Desf.

- i* Sacciolepis striata (L.) Nash; (Pa-
 nicum gibbum Ell.).

- h* Setaria imberbis R. & S. var. peren-
 nis (Hall) Hitch.; (Chaetochloa
 versicolor Bickn.).

- g* Spartina glabra Muhl.; (S. stricta
 (Ait.) Roth.).

- a, b* Spartina patens (Ait.) Muhl. var
 juncea (Michx.) Hitch.

¹No collections were made later than August, and it is therefore probable that some of the late-blooming species are not included. This applies especially to the Compositae.

Sporobolus indicus (L.) R. Br.

e Stipa avenacea L.

e Triplasis purpurea (Walt.) Chapm.;
(*Sieglingia purpurea* (Walt.)
Ktze.).

e Uniola laxa (L.) B. S. P.

b Uniola paniculata L.

Muhlenbergia capillaris Curtis.

CYPERACEÆ

i Cladium jamaicense. Crantz; (C.
effusum (Sw.) Torr.).

i Cyperus cylindricus (Ell.) Britton.

i Cyperus ferax Rich.; (C. *speciosus*
Vohl.).

i Cyperus flavescens L.

i Cyperus haspan L.

i Cyperus microdontus Torr.

h Cyperus Nuttallii Eddy.

i Cyperus retrofractus* (L.) Torr.

i Cyperus strigosus L.

i Dichromena colorata (L.) Hitch.

i Dichromena latifolia* Baldw.

i Dulichium arundinaceum (L.) Britton.

h Eleocharis albida Torr.

i Eleocharis microcarpa Torr.

h Eleocharis ochreate (Nees) Steud.

h Eleocharis Robinsii Oakes. (?)

Fimbristylis autumnalis (L.) R. & S.

h Fimbristylis castanea (Michx.)
Vahl.

h Fimbristylis spadicea (L.) Vahl.

i Fuirena hispida Ell.

i Rynchospora glomerata (L.) Vahl.

i† Rynchospora stipitata Chapm.

h Scirpus americanus Pers.

h Scirpus validus Vahl. (S. *lacustris*
Am. auth.).

f Scleria triglomerata Michx.

f Stenophyllus stenophyllus (Ell.)
Britton.

PALMÆ

f† Sabal glabra Mill.) Sarg.; (S. *Adansonii* Guerns.).

ARACEÆ

i Acorus Calamus L.

XYRIDACEÆ

d Xyris arenicola* Small; (X. *torta*
J. E. Smith).

COMMELINACEÆ

Commelina sp.

d Commelina angustifolia Michx.

JUNCACEÆ

Juncus marginatus Rostk.

h Juncus megacephalus Curtis.

h Juncus Roëmerianus Scheele.

f Juncus setaceus Rostk.

f Juncus tenuis Willd.

LILLIACEÆ

** Allium vineale* L.

e Smilax Bona-nox L.

e Smilax glauca Walt.

e Smilax laurifolia L.

d Yucca aloifolia L.

ORCHIDACEÆ

Spiranthes ovalis Lindl. (?); (Gyro-
stachys parviflora (Chapm.)
Small (?)).

PIPERACEÆ

i† Saururus cernuus L.

SALICACEÆ

i Salix sp.

MYRICACEÆ

d Myrica carolinensis Mill.

e Myrica cerifera L.

JUGLANDACEÆ

f Carya glabra* (Mill.) Spach.; (Hico-
ria glabra (Mill.) Britton).

BETULACEÆ

f Carpinus caroliniana Walt.

torta

PLATE XI

N. C. GEOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC SURVEY



Ilex vomitoria as a wind-break in exposed localities

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FAGACEÆ

- f** *Quercus falcata* Michx.; (*Q. digitata* Sudw.).
f *Quercus nigra* L.; (*Q. aquatica* Walt.).
f *Quercus phellos* L. var. *laurifolia* (Michx.) Chapm.
*f** *Quercus stellata* Wang.; (*Q. minor* (Marsh) Sarg.).
e, f *Quercus virginiana* Mill.

URTICACEÆ

- i* *Boehmeria cylindrica* (L.) Sw.
Celtis occidentalis L.
f *Morus rubra* L.
i *Parietaria floridana* Nutt.
i *Pilea pumila* (L.) Gray; (*Adicea pumila* (L.) Raf.).

LORANTHACEÆ

- f* *Phoradendron flavescens* (Pursh.) Nutt.

POLYGONACEÆ

- i* *Polygonum acre* H. B. K. var. *leptostachyum* Meisn.; (*P. punctatum* Ell. var. *leptostachyum* (Meisn.) Small).
Polygonum lapathifolium L.
a *Polygonum maritimum* L.
i *Polygonum setaceum* Baldw.
 * *Rumex hastatulus*

CHENOPODIACEÆ

- a* *Atriplex arenaria* Nutt.
Atriplex patula L. (?)
a *Chenopodium anthelminticum* L.
a *Chenopodium Botrys* L.
a *Chenopodium glaucum* L.
a *Chenopodium viride* L.
g *Salicornia ambigua* Michx.
g *Salicornia mucronata* Bigel.; (*S. Bigelowii* Torr.).
a, b *Salsola Kali* L.
h *Suaeda linearis* (Ell.) Moq.; (*Dondia linearis* (Ell.) Millsp.).

AMARANTHACEÆ

- e* *Acnida cannabina* L.
b *Amaranthus pumilus* Raf.

PHYTOLACCACEÆ

- Phytolacca decandra* L.

AIZOACEÆ

- a* *Sesuvium maritimum* (Walt.) B. S. P.

CARYOPHYLLACEÆ

- f* *Arenaria lanuginosa* (Michx.) Rohrb.
e† *Anychiastrum Baldwinii* (T. & G.) Small.

PORTULACACEÆ

- a* *Portulaca oleracea* L.

MAGNOLIACEÆ

- f* *Magnolia virginiana* L.

LAURACEÆ

- e, f* *Persea borbonia* (L.) Spreng.
e, f *Persea pubescens* (Pursh) Sarg.
f *Sassafras variifolium* (Salisb.) Ktze.; (*S. officinale* Nees. and Eberm.).

CRUCIFERÆ

- f* *Lepidium virginicum* L.

ROSACEÆ

- Laurocerasus caroliniana* (Mill.) Roem.
Rosa carolina L.
d *Rubus trivialis* Michx.
† *Rubus persistens* Rydb. (?)

LEGUMINOSÆ

- f* *Apios tuberosa* Moench.
d *Cassia chamaecrista* L.
e *Desmodium paniculatum* (L.) DC.; (*Meibomia paniculata* (L.) Ktze.).

e Galactia volubilis (L.) Britton.
e Strophostyles umbellata (Muhl.)
 Britton.
Trifolium repens L.

LINACEÆ

f Linum medium (Planch.) Britton.

RUTACEÆ

e Zanthoxylum Clava-Herculis L.

SIMARUBACEÆ

f Ailanthus glandulosa Desf.

MELIACEÆ

Melia Azedarach L.

POLYGALACEÆ

i Polygala verticillata L.

EUPHORBIACEÆ

e Acalypha gracilens Gray.
d Croton glandulosus L. var. septentrionalis Muell. Arg.
a, b Croton punctatus Jacq.
f Euphorbia sp.
a Euphorbia maculata L.
b Euphorbia polygonifolia L.
f Jatropha stimulosus Michx.
Ricinus communis L.

ANACARDIACEÆ

Rhus copallina L.
e, f *Rhus toxicodendron* L. var. *radicans* Torr.

AQUIFOLIACEÆ

e *Ilex glabra* (L.) Gray.
f *Ilex opaca* Ait.
d, e, f *Ilex vomitoria* Ait.

RHAMNACEÆ

e, f *Berchemia scandens* (Hill) Trel.

VITACEÆ

e *Cissus arborea* (L.) Des. Moul.;
 (*Ampelopsis arborea* (L.)
 Rusby).

e *Pseodera quinquefolia* (L.) Greene;
 (*Parthenocissus quinquefolia* (L.)
 Planch.).

e *Vitis aestivalis* Michx.
e *Vitis labrusca* L.
e *Vitis rotundifolia* Michx.

TILIACEÆ

f *Tilia Michauxii* Nutt.; *Tilia pubescens* Ait.).

MALVACEÆ

i *Kosteletzkya virginica* (L.) Presl.

TAMARICACEÆ

Tamarix gallica L.

HYPERICACEÆ

e *Ascyrum hypericoides* L.
e *Hypericum mutilum* L.
i *Hypericum virginicum* L.; (*Triadenum virginicum* (L.) Raf.).

CISTACEÆ

e, f *Lechea villosa* Ell.

PASSIFLORACEÆ

e *Passiflora incarnata* L.
e *Passiflora lutea* L.

CACTACEÆ

d *Opuntia vulgaris* Mill.; (*Opuntia opuntia* (L.) Coult.).

LYTHRACEÆ

i *Amannia Koehnei* Britton.
*i** *Decodon verticillatus* (L.) Ell.
i *Lythrum lineare* L.

ONAGRACEÆ

d *Gaura angustifolia* Michx.
d *Kneiffia arenicola* Small.
i *Ludvigia alata* Ell.
i *Ludvigia microcarpa* Michx.
i *Ludvigia palustris* (L.) Ell.; (*Isnardia palustris* L.).

i *Ludvigia virgata*
c *Oenothera humilis*

HALORAGACEÆ

*i** *Myriophyllum verticillatum* L.
i *Proserpinaca palustris* L.

ARALIACEÆ

f *Aralia spinosa* L.

UMBELLIFERAE

h *Centella asiatica*
repanda (Pers.)
f *Cicuta Curtissii*
h *Hydrocotyle umbellata*
i *Hydrocotyle verticillata*
h *Lilaeopsis lineata*
h *Ptilimnium capense* Raf.
e *Sanicula canadensis*

CORNACEÆ

f *Cornus florida* L.

ERICACEÆ

*f** *Lyonia nitida*
 (*Pieris nitida*)
*f** *Vaccinium arboreum*

PLUMBAGINACEÆ

h *Limnium carolinianum* Britton.

PRIMULACEÆ

h *Samolus floribundus*

EREMOCARPACEÆ

f *Diospyros virginiana*

OLEACEÆ

f *Osmanthus americanus*

LOGANIACEÆ

i *Cynoctonum nocturnum*
e *Gelsemium semper*

Greene;
 i (L.)

i *Ludvigia virgata* Michx.
 c *Oenothera humifusa* Nutt.

HALORAGIDACEÆ

i* *Myricophyllum verticillatum* L.
 i *Proserpinaca pectinata* Lam.

ARALIACEÆ

f *Aralia spinosa* L.

UMBELLIFERÆ

h *Centella asiatica* (L.) Urban.; (C. repanda (Pers.) Small).
 f *Cicuta Curtissii* Coult. & Rose.
 h *Hydrocotyle umbellata* L.
 i *Hydrocotyle verticillata* Thunb.
 h *Lilaeopsis lineata* (Michx.) Greene.
 h *Ptilimnium capillaceum* (Michx.) Raf.
 e *Sanicula canadensis* L.

CORNACEÆ

f *Cornus florida* L.

ERICACEÆ

f* *Lyonia nitida* (Bartr.) Fernald;
 (Pieris nitida (Bartr.) B. & H.).
 f* *Vaccinium arboreum* Marsh.

PLUMBAGINACEÆ

h *Limonium carolinianum* (Walt.) Britton.

PRIMULACEÆ

h *Samolus floribundus* HBK.

EBENACEÆ

f *Diospyros virginiana* L.

OLEACEÆ

f *Osmanthus americana* (L.) B. & H.

LOGANIACEÆ

i *Cynoctonum mitreola* (L.) Britton.
 e *Gelsemium sempervirens* (L.) Ait. f.

GENTIANACEÆ

h *Sabatia stellaris* Pursh.

APOCYNACEÆ

e *Apocynum cannabinum* L.

ASCLEPIADACEÆ

i *Asclepias lanceolata* Walt.
 h *Seutera palustris* (Pursh.) Vail.;
 (Vincetoxicum palustre (Pursh.) Gray).
 e *Vincetoxicum suberosum* (L.) Britton.

CONVOLVULACEÆ

i *Cuscuta arvensis* Beyrich.
 i *Ipomoea sagittata* Cav.

BORAGINACEÆ

a *Heliotropium curassavicum* Cav.

VERBENACEÆ

e *Callicarpa americana* L.
 i *Lippia nodiflora* (L.) Michx.
 i† *Verbena polystachya* HBK.

LABIATÆ

Marrubium vulgare L.
 e, f *Monarda punctata* L.
 * *Teucrium canadense* L. var. *littorale*
 (Bicknell) Fernald.
 i *Trichostema dichotomum* L.

SOLLANACEÆ

Datura Stramonium L.
 a *Physalis pubescens* L.
 a *Physalis viscosa* L.
 a *Solanum carolinense* L.
 a *Solanum gracile* Link.

SCROPHULARIACEÆ

h *Bacopa Monniera* (L.) Wettst.;
 (Monniera Monniera (L.) Britton).
 h *Gerardia maritima* Raf.
Verbascum Thapsus L.

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LENTIBULARIACEÆ

i* *Utricularia purpurea* Walt.

PLANTAGINACEÆ

* *Plantago lanceolata* L.

RUBIACEÆ

i *Diodia virginiana* L.i *Diodia teres* Walt.e *Galium hispidulum* Michx.e *Galium pilosum* Ait. var. *punctulosum* (Michx.) (T. & G.).e *Mitchella repens* L.

CAPRIFOLIACEÆ

e *Lonicera sempervirens* L.

CUCURBITACEÆ

a *Lagenaria vulgaris* Ser.; (*Lagenaria Lagenaria* (L.) Cock.).d,e *Melothria pendula* L.

AMBROSIACEÆ

f *Ambrosia artemisiifolia* L.a *Iva oraria* Bartl.; (*I. frutescens* L.).a *Iva imbricata* Walt.a *Xanthium* sp.

*Not collected on Shackleford, but on some of the neighboring islands.

iRange here extended.

iListed by Johnson (2), not observed by the writer.

aCharacteristic of the inner beach formation.

bOuter beach formation.

cDune formation.

dThicket formation.

eThicket woodland formation.

fWoodland formation.

gSalt marsh formation.

hCreek Marsh formation.

iDune marsh formation.

jTidal flat formation.

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CICHORIACEÆ

e *Hieracium Gronovii* L.f *Lactuca canadensis* L.* *Sonchus asper* (L.) Hill.

CARDUACEÆ

a *Baccharis halimifolia* L.

Bidens bipinnata L.

g *Borrchia frutescens* (L.) DC.* *Carduus* sp.e *Cirsium spinosissimum* (Walt.)Scop.; (*Carduus spinosissimus* Walt.).i *Eclipta alba* (L.) Hassk.e,f *Elephantopus nudatus* Gray.e *Erechthites hieracifolia* (L.) Raf.e *Erigeron canadensis* L.; (*Leptilon canadensis* (L.) Britton).

Eupatorium capillifolium (Lam.) Small.

Heterotheca subaxillaris (Lam.) Britton and Rusby.

e,i *Mikania scandens* (L.) Willd.; (*Willughbaea scandens* (L.) Ktze.).i *Pluchea camphorata* (L.) DC.i *Pluchea foetida* (L.) B. S. P.

Senecio vulgaris L.

f *Solidago odora* Ait.c *Solidago sempervirens* L.

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