

Cyperus polystachyus, Rottb.

Cyperus polystachyus, Rottb., Descr. et Ic. Pl., p. 39, t. 11, fig. 1; Benth., Fl. Austr., vii. p. 261; Bœckl. in Linnæa, xxxv. p. 477; Kunth, Enum., ii. p. 13.

ST HELENA.—Indigenous? In the watercourse in Sisters' Walk, above Major Hodson's—*Burchell*, 8; near water streams in the ravines up the Central Ridge—*Melliss*; without locality—*Hooker*.

Common in the warmer regions of both hemispheres, and extending northwards to South China, the Mediterranean region, and the southern United States.

The form collected in St Helena by Sir Joseph Hooker is almost stemless, being only one to two inches high; and there are similar specimens in Kew Herbarium from Orissa, collected by Mr C. B. Clarke.

Cyperus difformis, Linn.

Cyperus difformis, Linn., Sp. Pl., ed. 2, p. 67; Kunth, Enum., ii. p. 38; Benth., Fl. Austr., vii. p. 268; Sibth., Fl. Græca, t. 46; Bœckl. in Linnæa, xxxv. p. 586.

ST HELENA.—Indigenous? Under the waterfall in Sandy Bay—*Burchell*, 6.

Very widely spread in tropical and subtropical regions in the Old World.

Burchell seems to be the only person who collected this species in St Helena.

Cyperus rotundus, Linn.

Cyperus rotundus, Linn., Syst. Veg., p. 98; Kunth, Enum., ii. p. 58; Benth., Fl. Austr., vii. p. 279; Bœckl. in Linnæa, xxxvi. p. 283.

Cyperus hexastachyus, Rottb., Descr. et Ic. Pl., t. 14, fig. 2.

ST HELENA.—Introduced, almost certainly. "Botanic Garden"—*Burchell*, 11; common about gardens—*Melliss*.

This is the *Cyperus herbivagus* (*errore herbicavus*), Kunth, or "Nut-grass" of *Melliss*'s St Helena. *Burchell* calls it "Knot-grass," and adds "rarissime floret." It is one of the most widely dispersed species of the genus both in temperate and tropical regions.

Cyperus eragrostis, Vahl.

Cyperus eragrostis, Vahl, Enum., ii. p. 322; Kunth, Enum., ii. p. 7; Benth., Fl. Austr., vii. p. 258; Bœckl. in Linnæa, xxxv. p. 443.

ST HELENA.—Introduced? At Major Dentaaffe's, under the waterfall in Sandy Bay—*Burchell*, 7.

Very widely dispersed in the Old World.

Kyllinga monocephala, Rottb.

Kyllinga monocephala, Rottb., Descr. et Ic. Pl., p. 13, t. 4, fig. 4; Kunth, ii. p. 129; Benth., Fl. Austr., vii. p. 251; Bœckl. in Linnæa, xxx. p. 427.

ST HELENA.—Indigenous? In shady pastures—*Burchell*, 18; abundantly in damp fields, in ravines, streams of water, &c.—*Melliss*.