

BOOK REVIEWS

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1. Flore du Cambodge du Laos et du Vietnam, rédacteur principal: Mme TARDIEUBLOT. Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Laboratoire de Phanérogamie, Paris.

After 9 supplements to the Flore Générale de l'Indo-Chine (Tome I) had been edited by the late Dr. F. GAGNEPAIN and published by the Museum with a wider scope to cover the whole Indo-Chinese Peninsular (Burma, Thailand, Malaya, Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam), the new flora, being a continuation of same, is unfortunately restricted to regions of the former French Indo-China. So far 6 fascicles have been issued: No. 1: (*Sabiaceae*) 1-59. 1960; No. 2: (*Moringaceae, Connarace, Anacardiaceae*) 1-199. 1962; No. 3: (*Sapotaceae*) 1-105. 1963; No. 4: (*Saxifragaceae, Crypteroniaceae, Droseraceae, Hamamelidaceae, Haloragaceae, Rhizophoraceae, Sonneratiaceae, Punicaceae*) 1-216. 1965; No. 5: (*Umbelliferae, Aizoaceae, Molluginaceae, Passifloraceae*) 1-157. 1967; No. 6: (*Rosaceae*) 1-210. 1968.

New species, wherever included, are provided with Latin descriptions.

The work is well illustrated by line drawings, beautifully executed by a number of botanical artists, the best of which is Helene LAMOURDEDIEU.

2. Fig plants and their symbiotic insects:

Recently a book, *Figs (Ficus spp.) of Hong Kong** has been published by the Hong Kong University Press. This is for the first time that a thorough study of fig plants and their symbiotic insects has been made by the joint effort of the author, an entomologist and Prof. E.J.H. CORNER, the famous botanist. Even though the fig flora of the colony is small, numbering 29 species, but a good example has been laid for future scientists to follow.

* Dennis S. HILL: *Figs (Ficus spp.) of Hong Kong*. Pp. viii + 130. Figs. 118. Plts. 65. Hong Kong University Press, 1967, Price HK \$60.

Of 27 species treated, 14 species are not shown the distribution range in Thailand including the ornamental *F. pumila*, *F. elastica* and *F. bengalensis*. Full data is given to each species together with line drawings and photographs.

In the appendix, the synonymy of Hong Kong species of *Ficus* is tabulated, and species recorded from China, Taiwan, Ryukyu Islands and Japan are listed.

The symbiotic insects are chalcids or fig-wasps, belonging to 6 families, and 55 species.

The printing is well done, the illustrations especially photographs are excellent; it is indeed worth the price.