

New books : Botany

- (1) **Flora of Thailand**, Tem Smitinand and Kai Larsen (Ed.) Vol. II (1): 1-92, 3 figs. 1970. ASRCT Press, Bangkok.

Under the auspices of the National Science Council and the Applied Scientific Research Co-operation of Thailand, the first fascicle of the long-awaited Flora of Thailand has eventually published. The work contains 6 families of flowering plants:— *Haloragaceae* by R. van der Meijden; *Rhizophoraceae* by Ding Hou; *Oxalidaceae* by J.F. Veldkamp; *Rosaceae* by J.E. Vidal; the genus *Rubus* by N.V. Thuan, and *Icacinaceae* by H. Sleumer.

The format of the Flora follows that of Flora of Tropical East Africa, but no systematic sequence is followed (similar to the Flora Malesiana). Volume One, being an introduction part, will be published later. Volume Two Part 2 is expected to be finished within 1972.

The ASRCT Press has done an excellent job of printing, and the price, 40 Baht (U.S. \$2.50 postpaid) per copy is indeed very reasonable. The publication is obtainable at the Thai National Documental Centre, Phahol Yothin Highway, Bangkok, Bangkok 9.

- (2) **Xylotomy of the Living Cycas with a Description of Their Leaves and Epidermis**, by Pál Gregus. Pp. 1-260, 184 pls., 80 figs. 1968. Akademiai Kiado Budapest.

Being an exhaustive study of the living cycads of the world, the author follows Johnson's conception in dividing the the classical *Cycadaceae* into 3 families; *Cycadaceae* (*Cycas*), *Stangeriaceae* (*Stangeria*), and *Zamiaceae* (*Zamia*, *Encephalartos*, *Macrozamia*, *Ceratozamia*, *Lepidozamia*, *Bowenia*, *Dioon*, and *Microcycas*). The text is well prepared and profusely illustrated with photographs and drawings; it is indeed worth the price (U.S. \$14.70).

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