

REVIEWS

A. BORHIDI: *Phytogeography and vegetation ecology of Cuba*. Akadémiai Kiadó, Budapest, 1991, 858 pp., 378 figs., 25 tables, 16 col. photographs. Bound. Price US\$ 74.00. ISBN 963-05-5295-7.

A fine book on the vegetation of Cuba in its relation to climate and soil, its phytogeographic position and subdivision. This culminates into a vegetation map 1 : 1,250,000, an extensive survey of plant communities, and a 'phytosociologic table of Cuban woody communities' where the phytosociologic and phytogeographic position of some 2,500 species, alphabetically arranged, are given. The book is profusely illustrated with hundreds of schemes, maps, vegetation transects, climate diagrams, and photos some of which in colour. It is a pity that some of the black and white photos, which are doubtless reproduced from colour slides, are too black and poor in contrasts.

Hardly any tropical country has such a detailed vegetation study and the country as well as the author has to be congratulated with this excellent work.

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GILBERT R.M. DASHORST & JOHN P. JESSOP: *Plants of the Adelaide Plains and Hills*. Kangaroo Press Pty Ltd, Kenthurst NSW, 1990, 224 pp., 96 plates. Hardcover. Price Aus.\$ 39.95. ISBN 0-86417-323-7.

This is an identification guide to the more common seed plants of the Adelaide District; added is a small selection of the most conspicuous mushrooms, seaweeds, lichens, liverworts, and mosses. It gives partly coloured illustrations, short descriptions, and maps of some 1200 species. It is a fine book; the pencil drawings of the habit of the plant, mostly partly coloured, and the full coloured flowers or sometimes fruits if these are more conspicuous, seem very clear. The draughtsman, the author, and those interested in the plants around Adelaide are to be congratulated with this beautiful work.

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