

REVIEWS

L.I. MALYSHEV & G.A. PESCHKOVA (eds): **Flora of Siberia 7. Berberidaceae–Grossulariaceae**. Science Publishers, Inc., Enfield (NH), USA, 2004. 318 pp., illus., maps. ISBN 1-57808-106-8. Price: USD 114.

A.V. POLOZHII & L.I. MALYSHEV (eds): **Flora of Siberia 8. Rosaceae**. Science Publishers, Inc., Enfield (NH), USA, 2004. 197 pp., illus., maps. ISBN 1-57808-107-6. Price: USD 88.

In the ongoing series of translations of Russian language Floras two new volumes have appeared: Vol. 7 and 8 of the Flora of Siberia. Volume 7 treats the families Berberidaceae, Menispermaceae, Papaveraceae, Hydrangeaceae, Fumariaceae, Brassicaceae, Droseraceae, Crassulaceae, Saxifragaceae, Parnassiaceae, Grossulariaceae. Volume 8 treats the Rosaceae. The treatments give concise descriptions of families, genera and species and keys to the genera and species. Line drawings of several species and maps of most species provide additional information. Recommended for all people with an interest in the Russian Orient.

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H.S. MATHUR: **Essentials of Biogeography**. Pointer Publishers, Jaipur, India, 2003. 352 pp., illus. ISBN 81-7132-341-3. Price: USD 43.

This book is a compilation of existing knowledge without adding new insights or a new synthesis. Some of the ideas discussed or promoted (land bridges!) are quite outdated. Modern ideas like historical biogeography or cladistics, etc. are not even mentioned. In short many of the ‘essentials of biogeography’ are missing. There are better comprehensive accounts on plant and/or animal biogeography available.

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PATRICK M. MCCARTHY: **Catalogue of Australian Liverworts and Hornworts**. Flora of Australia Supplementary Series Number 21. Australian Biological Resources Study, Canberra, Australia, 2003. 137 pp. ISBN 0-642-56829-4. Price: AUD 25 (including surface postage).

As the name indicates this book is just a list of names and synonyms with citations of the original literature and references to other literature. For all accepted names distribution by state is given. An account of the placement of the genera precedes the catalogue proper.

The catalogue of Australian Liverworts and Hornworts is a useful companion to the catalogue of Mosses of Streimann and Klazenga.

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