

Preface

Volume 7 of the *Flora of China* is the 16th of the 24 text volumes in the series. It includes 11 families, 95 genera, and 1216 species, among which four genera and 778 species (64%) are endemic to China, and eight genera and 16 species (1.3%) are introduced to China. Publication of the Annonaceae and Berberidaceae, which were scheduled for inclusion in this volume, has been postponed.

Volume 7 is formatted in the same manner as the first 15 volumes of the series: vol. 17 (1994), vol. 16 (1995), vol. 15 (1996), vol. 18 (1998), vol. 4 (1999), vol. 24 (2000), vol. 8 (2001), vol. 6 (2001), vol. 9 (2003), vol. 5 (2003), vol. 14 (2005), vol. 22 (2006), vol. 13 (2007), vol. 12 (2007), and vol. 11 (2008). The following 14 accompanying volumes of the *Flora of China Illustrations* have been published to date: vol. 17 (1998), vol. 16 (1999), vol. 15 (2000), vol. 18 (2000), vol. 4 (2001), vol. 24 (2002), vol. 8 (2003), vol. 6 (2003), vol. 9 (2004), vol. 5 (2004), vol. 14 (2006), vol. 22 (2007), vol. 13 (2008), and vol. 12 (2008).

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The 17th and 18th text volumes in the series (vol. 25 and vol. 10) will consist entirely of the Orchidaceae (ca. 1350 species) and Fabaceae (ca. 1650 species), respectively.

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