

Preface

Volume 19 of the *Flora of China* is the 20th of the 24 text volumes in the series. It includes 22 families, 255 genera, and 2,024 species, among which 11 genera and 1,065 species (53%) are endemic to China, and 24 genera and 64 species (3%) are introduced to China. The final two families in this volume, Annonaceae and Berberidaceae, were originally scheduled for inclusion in vol. 7 (2008).

Volume 19 is formatted in the same manner as the first 19 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), vol. 11 (2008), vol. 7 (2008), vol. 25 (2009), vol. 10 (2010), and vol. 23 (2010). The following 18 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), vol. 12 (2008), vol. 11 (2009), vol. 7 (2009), vol. 25 (2010), and vol. 10 (2011).

Bruce Bartholomew edited the Acanthaceae, Annonaceae, Goodeniaceae, Lentibulariaceae, Myoporaceae, Phrymaceae, Plantaginaceae, and Stylidiaceae. Anthony R. Brach co-authored and edited the Berberidaceae (except *Berberis*) and Carlemanniaceae and edited the Adoxaceae, Berberidaceae (*Berberis*), Caprifoliaceae, Diervillaceae, Dipsacaceae, Linnaeaceae, Morinaceae, and Valerianaceae. Lisa J. Pepper edited the Rubiaceae. Nicholas J. Turland co-authored and edited the Pentaphragmataceae and Sphenocleaceae and, together with Anthony R. Brach, edited the Campanulaceae and Cucurbitaceae. Nicholas J. Turland checked the nomenclature. Lisa J. Pepper carried out the final editing of the whole volume. Zhang Libing (张丽兵) corrected errors and omissions in the Chinese and pinyin names. Anthony R. Brach, Han Xuezhe (韩学哲), Lisa J. Pepper, and Zeng Jianfei (曾建飞) proofread the volume. Nicholas J. Turland and Lisa J. Pepper compiled the indexes. Beth Parada helped with the production of the introductory pages. Rosemary Tanaka typeset the volume for publication.

The 21st and 22nd text volumes in the series (vols. 20 and 21) will be devoted to the Asteraceae (Compositae), with ca. 2,300 species.

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