

Preface

Volume 20–21 of the *Flora of China* is vols. 20 and 21 combined into a single volume; hence it is the 21st of the now 23 text volumes in the series. It includes one family, the Asteraceae (or Compositae), with 15 tribes, 248 genera, and 2,336 species, among which 18 genera and 1,145 species (49%) are endemic to China, and one tribe, 49 genera, and 109 species (4.7%) are introduced to China.

Volume 20–21 is formatted in the same manner as the first 20 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), vol. 23 (2010), and vol. 19 (2011)¹. The following 19 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), vol. 10 (2011), and vol. 23 (2011).

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The remaining two text volumes in the series (vols. 2 and 3) will comprise the pteridophytes, with ca. 2,350 species.

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