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.


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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1 On the copyright page of *Flora of China* vol. 19, the date of printing was omitted in error. It should have read February 28, 2011.