

Preface

Volume 2–3 of the *Flora of China* is vols. 2 and 3 combined into a single volume; hence it is the last of the now 22 text volumes in the series. It includes 38 families, 177 genera, and 2,129 species, among which three genera and 842 species (39%) are endemic to China, and one genus and four species are introduced to China.

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