PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

Since the publication of the first edition of *Grasses: Bromus to Paspalum* in 1972, twenty-two additional taxa of grasses have been discovered in Illinois that are properly placed in this volume. In addition, numerous nomenclatural changes have occurred for plants already known from the state, and many distributional records have been added. This second edition of *Grasses: Bromus to Paspalum* is intended to update the status of grasses in Illinois.

Illustrations for the additions were prepared by Paul W. Nelson.

PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION

The grasses of Illinois will appear in two volumes of The Illustrated Flora of Illinois series. It follows publication of the ferns of Illinois and two volumes on monocotyledonous plants of Illinois. The series grew out of an idea to present all information known about every kind of plant which occurs in Illinois. The Illustrated Flora of Illinois is a multivolumed flora of the state of Illinois, to cover every group of plants, from algae and fungi through flowering plants. In addition to keys and descriptions of every plant known to occur in Illinois, there would be provided illustrations showing the diagnostic characters of each species.

An advisory board was set up in 1964 to screen, criticize, and make suggestions for each volume of The Illustrated Flora of Illinois during its preparation. The board is composed of taxonomists eminent in their area of specialty—Dr. Gerald W. Prescott, University of Montana (algae); Dr. Constantine J. Alexopoulos, University of Texas (fungi); Dr. Aaron J. Sharp, University of Tennessee (bryophytes); Dr. Rolla M. Tryon, Jr., The Gray Herbarium (ferns); Dr. Robert F. Thorne, Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Gardens, and Mr. Floyd Swink, the Morton Arboretum (flowering plants).

This author is editor of the series and will prepare many of the volumes. Specialists in various groups are preparing the sections of their special interest.

There is no definite sequence for publication of The Illustrated Flora of Illinois. Rather, volumes will appear as they are completed.