

PREFACE

The first volume of the English language *Flora of China* appeared in 1994. In order to increase the usefulness of these text volumes, and to make available the beautiful drawings used for the previously published Chinese language *Flora Reipublicae Popularis Sinicae* (FRPS), the *Flora of China Illustrations* series was started in 1998. The illustrations series follows the taxonomy of the text series, but some modifications in presentation have been made so that FRPS figures can fit into the present scheme. Additional illustrations are also included for taxa not or insufficiently illustrated in FRPS.

This publication is the last in a series of 22 volumes of the *Flora of China Illustrations*. It accompanies the *Flora of China* (FOC) Volume 2–3, which was published in 2013 and treats 38 families, 177 genera, and 2,129 species of ferns and lycophytes. This volume of illustrations includes 1,272 plates representing a total of 1,409 species in 165 genera.

The illustrations are generally arranged according to the sequence of tribes, genera, and species in FOC Volume 2–3, except when a figure includes more than one taxon, in which case the sequence is determined by the first species listed in the compound figure. Many species are illustrated on more than one plate to show morphological variations. Scale bars are given for some of the plates.

Names of recognized taxa are in boldface, and author names follow FOC. Each recognized taxon is followed by its Chinese name and the pinyin transliteration of that name. Important synonyms and misapplied names are cited before the Chinese names. Page numbers for the descriptions in FOC and for the figure number, volume number, and year of publication of the FRPS volume, as well as names of artists and sources of illustrations in the case of redrawings or reproductions, are listed in parentheses at the end of each caption.

Indexes to figure numbers are given for the Chinese names, their pinyin transliterations, and the scientific names.

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