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We realized that with the passage of time, many new disciplines had been developed, and older ones expanded to a point where a much revised and updated book of this type could play an important part. Consequently, this volume was conceived, and together with the CD-ROM which takes the study of practical plant anatomy to new levels, presents a ready way for non-specialists to learn about and enjoy the subject, at their own pace and in many places, beyond the formal constraints of the laboratory.

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