

FOREWORD

This publication is the third in a series of 25 volumes of the *Flora of China Illustrations* that will cover more than 40 percent of the vascular plants of China. This volume accompanies the *Flora of China* volume 15, which was published in 1996 and treated 65 genera with 1,079 species in the families Myrsinaceae, Primulaceae, Plumbaginaceae, Sapotaceae, Ebenaceae, Symplocaceae, Styracaceae, Oleaceae, and Loganiaceae. This volume of illustrations includes 302 figures representing 682 species from these families. Figures 1–20 illustrate 73 species of the Myrsinaceae, figures 21–132 illustrate 260 species of the Primulaceae, figures 133–140 illustrate 32 species of the Plumbaginaceae, figures 141–147 illustrate 18 species of the Sapotaceae, figures 148–169 illustrate 53 species of the Ebenaceae, figures 170–196 illustrate 39 species of the Symplocaceae, figures 197–219 illustrate 46 species of the Styracaceae, figures 220–276 illustrate 127 species of the Oleaceae, and figures 277–302 illustrate 34 species of the Loganiaceae.

The illustrations are arranged according to the sequence of families, genera, and species in FOC volume 15, except when a figure includes more than one taxon, the sequence is determined by the first species listed in the compound figure. Species treated in FRPS but not in FOC are listed at the end of the genus to which they belong, and genera treated in FRPS but not in FOC are given at the end of the family. For example, figure 147 illustrates *Manilkara zapota*, of which both the genus and species were treated in FRPS but not in FOC and, therefore, it is illustrated at the end of the Plumbaginaceae. Intraspecific taxa are also included. Some highly variable species are illustrated more than once because they were treated as independent taxa in FRPS but reduced to synonymy in FOC.

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. Italicized names refer to taxa accepted in FRPS but reduced to synonymy in FOC, and they are given immediately after the Pinyin name, except where a portion of the illustration was determined differently in FRPS. 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 name of the artist in Chinese and Pinyin, are listed in parenthesis at the end of the caption. Names of artists who modified the illustrations for FOC are also given in Chinese and Pinyin following those of the original FRPS artist. To avoid repetition, FOC volume number and year of publication are not given. However, the FRPS accounts of these families appeared in four books published in different years and, therefore, the volume and year are mentioned in the captions of each figure. For compound figures illustrating several taxa (e.g., figures 3 and 272), the range of FOC page numbers is given instead of listing the page number for each illustrated taxon.

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

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