

PREFACE

The second part of these Illustrations of British plants follows the same general pattern as the first.

The intention once again is to provide a visual impression of the habit, and a selection of the chief features of the plants so as to assist with the appreciation of the technical descriptions given in *Flora of the British Isles* and the *Excursion Flora*.

The drawings have almost all been made from fresh specimens and are reproduced on a rather larger scale than that of the illustrations accompanying Bentham and Hooker's well-known *Handbook*. It is hoped that these features, combined with the grouping of illustrations to facilitate as far as possible easy comparison of related species will make them generally useful.

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