

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 18th in a series of 24 volumes of the *Flora of China Illustrations*. It accompanies the *Flora of China* (FOC) Volume 10, which was published in 2010 and treated 167 genera with 1,673 species in one family (Fabaceae). This volume of illustrations includes 651 plates representing a total of 1,141 species, nine subspecies, and 30 varieties in 162 genera.

The illustrations are generally arranged according to the sequence of tribes, genera, and species in FOC Volume 10, 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. Some highly variable 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 after the pinyin 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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