

Preface

Volume 23 of the *Flora of China* is the 19th of the 24 text volumes in the series. It includes 22 families, 122 genera, and 1,277 species, among which one genus and 442 species (34.6%) are endemic to China, and four genera and 12 species (0.9%) are introduced to China.

Volume 23 is formatted in the same manner as the first 18 volumes of the series: vol. 17 (1994), vol. 16 (1995), vol. 15 (1996), vol. 18 (1998), vol. 4 (1999), vol. 24 (2000), vol. 8 (2001), vol. 6 (2001), vol. 9 (2003), vol. 5 (2003), vol. 14 (2005), vol. 22 (2006), vol. 13 (2007), vol. 12 (2007), vol. 11 (2008), vol. 7 (2008), vol. 25 (2009), and vol. 10 (2010). The following 16 accompanying volumes of the *Flora of China Illustrations* have been published to date: vol. 17 (1998), vol. 16 (1999), vol. 15 (2000), vol. 18 (2000), vol. 4 (2001), vol. 24 (2002), vol. 8 (2003), vol. 6 (2003), vol. 9 (2004), vol. 5 (2004), vol. 14 (2006), vol. 22 (2007), vol. 13 (2008), vol. 12 (2008), vol. 11 (2009), and vol. 7 (2009).

Bruce Bartholomew edited the Burmanniaceae, Corsiaceae, and Cyperaceae (except *Carex* and *Kobresia*). Anthony R. Brach edited the Alismataceae, Aponogetonaceae, Butomaceae, Cyperaceae, Cyperaceae (*Kobresia*), Hydrocharitaceae, Juncaginaceae, Posidoniaceae, Potamogetonaceae, Ruppiaceae, Scheuchzeriaceae, Triuridaceae, Typhaceae, Zannichelliaceae, and Zosteraceae. Michael G. Gilbert edited the Arecaceae. Lisa J. Pepper edited the Cyperaceae (*Carex*). Nicholas J. Turland edited the Acoraceae, Araceae, Lemnaceae, and Pandanaceae. Nicholas J. Turland checked the nomenclature. Lisa J. Pepper carried out the final editing of the whole volume. Zhang Libing (张丽兵) corrected errors and omissions in the Chinese and pinyin names. Anthony R. Brach, Han Xuezhe (韩学哲), Lisa J. Pepper, and Zeng Jianfei (曾建飞) proofread the volume. Nicholas J. Turland and Lisa J. Pepper compiled the indexes. Beth Parada helped with the production of the introductory pages. Rosemary Tanaka typeset the volume for publication.

The 20th text volume in the series (vol. 19) will contain 22 families, including the Acanthaceae, Annonaceae, Berberidaceae, Campanulaceae, Caprifoliaceae, Cucurbitaceae, and Rubiaceae.

Wu Zhengyi (吴征镒)

Peter H. Raven

Hong Deyuan (洪德元)