

In the preceding volume (1B) of this series emphasis was laid on phylogeny, biodiversity and evolution as analyzed through molecular and other genomic tools specially in plantation crops and plants of agri-horticultural importance like wheat relatives and grasses. Most of the articles were on monocotyledonous families and a few dicotyledons. The present volume deals with molecular genomics of mainly the dicotyledons, covering legumes like *Cicer*, *Vigna* and *Vicia*, as well as several fruit plants like species of *Prunus* including cherry, peach and apricots, as well as grapes, oranges, olive and pistachio.

The present treatise along with the preceding one (1B) would be of use to those interested in molecular genomics, plant biodiversity and evolution of higher plants in general and plantation crops, pulses and fruit plants in particular.

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