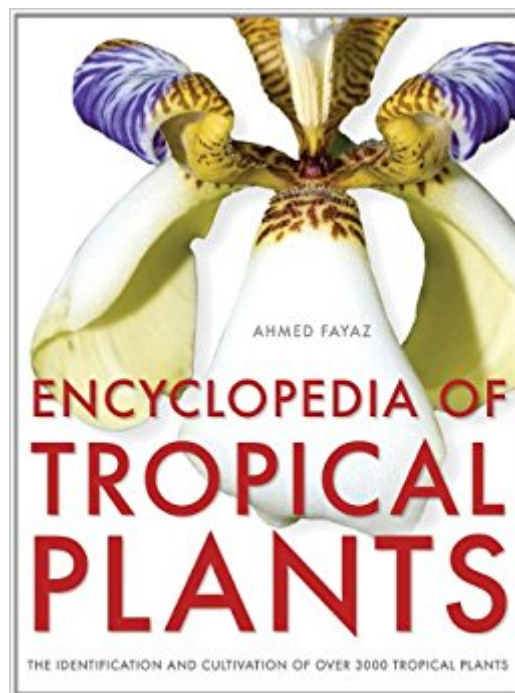




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Encyclopedia Of Tropical Plants: Identification And Cultivation Of Over 3000 Tropical Plants



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A superb reference for anyone interested in the world's tropical flora. Accessing detailed and accurate information on tropical plants is not always easy, yet there is a huge interest in the beautiful and fascinating flora from the tropical regions of the world. This book is the most comprehensive survey of tropical plants in a single publication to date. Encyclopedia of Tropical Plants brings together over 3,000 species of tropical plants selected to reflect the major plant groups in the tropics all over the world. It uses the most up-to-date nomenclature and systematics and arranges the species in family order, rather than by the usual alphabetical genus name, which makes identification and comparison of similar plants easier. Species descriptions include the plant's leaves, flowers, stems and fruit, as well as its native habitat, distribution, blooming season and zone. Full-color photographs illustrate the major features of the plants described. Encyclopedia of Tropical Plants is an up-to-date, comprehensive and authoritative reference for botanists, horticulturists, professional growers and tropical plant enthusiasts.

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Densely packed with botanical descriptions, this book is an excellent look at the characteristics of the many tropical and subtropical species that avail themselves to horticultural propagation and enjoyment. It is among the first books to group species by the latest phylogenetic categories based on cytogenetic study of the included groups and species. Users may approach information about a species through the common name or botanical indexes. A typical entry includes the number of

genera and species in a higher phylogenetic group. Common names, general shape, flower characteristics, and other information—including distribution, habitat, and hardiness zones—are succinctly summarized. Example species of the group are also botanically described. Each page has several high-quality documentary photographs of representative species from the groups on that or an adjoining page. An extensive glossary defines the descriptive terms used in the entries. The “References” section is a bibliography of the classification works used in preparing this volume. The audience for this reference work falls somewhere between the plant enthusiast and the botanist. It is reasonably priced and will fit well into any library’s general botanical collection, especially those lacking information about tropical plants. --Linda Scarth

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timely is the arrangement of the plants...by the 2009 Angiosperm Phylogeny Group III.... The description of each plant is what a serious plant scientist expects, yet it is also useful for the layperson... The glossary and indexes for both common and scientific names are extensive and thorough. This work is highly recommended for public and academic libraries. (Georgia Briscoe American Reference Books Annual 2012 2012-04-01)Fayaz is a collector and grower of tropical plants whose work has taken him from the Maldives mangroves to the orchids of Sri Lanka. Ten years of exploration have resulted in the most comprehensive volume on tropical plants to date, describing more than 3000 species from all of the major groups from mosses, ferns, and nonflowering gymnosperms to spectacular flowering angiosperms that make up 80 percent of all extant plant species on Earth. More than 3000 color photographs aid identification. Simply spectacular. (Brian E. Cou tts and Cheryl LaGuardia Best Reference 2011, Library Journal 2012-02-28)

I just received my copy of Fayaz's Encyclopedia of Tropical Plants and I am already delighted. There are thousands of wonderful photos of a breath-taking diversity of plants, many of which are unusual and rarely photographed. It is wonderful to see the photos of parasitic plants, water plants, succulents and so on (and of course, orchids, bromeliads and palms and other typical tropical plants). The book is organized along modern taxonomic lines; for example, chapters on Basal Angiosperms, Basal Monocots, Commelinoid Monocots, Basal Eudicots and so on, so it is easy to compare and contrast plants that are considered to be closely related under current systematic theory. I would guess that anyone interested in plants would love the photos even if they never read any of the abundant text; professional botanists will find the details in the text extremely valuable. I give this book my highest recommendation. By the way, I am a professor of botany at the University of Texas, and have seen many books on plants. This one is spectacular.

This book exceeds my expectations! The book is built on the systematics of APG II. So the families are not orders alphabetically but according to the evolutionary tree of plants. This grouping allows to discover the common traits that eg different families of an order share. Many genera are included, even some of the most important species. The described plants are backed up with pictures. Those are a little small, but due to the high information density of this book, it is acceptable. The book is very heavy (I estimate 3-4 kgs) so it makes my back bag pretty heavy on my travel a lot. But, this is worth it! I hope the day comes, where such books are available as PDF. :) You can use these books either as a reference work, but it is also useful for identifying plants. For this use a certain

knowledge of the plant systematics is required. Fazit: It is really a great work!

I'm very impressed by the scope and dimension of this great anthology of all knowledge about tropical plants. There are photographs in at least 2 places in this book where labels mismatch the plants in description, however. The picture of *Rondeletia odorata* on p.581 is actually *Clerodendrum calamitosum*, and the picture of *Cestrum aurantiacum* on p.662 is actually taken from *Brugmensia sanguinea* on the previous page. If you are also a tropical plant lover but hesitate to buy because of the pricey tag of this book, I'd recommend you to wait until the next edition is printed.

This book was much more than I expected. Full of wonderful pictures, many more and of greater quality than I thought. While it is technical in its descriptions, there is a glossary if you need it and details on culture are included. I am very glad I finally purchased it!

I love this book. I do question if it's gonna fall apart or not because of the binding but it's a treasure trove of knowledge.

The book is filled with great photo's and scientifically descriptive. However it does seem to have little information on practical considerations for using or working with the plant material, such as propagation, sun/shade requirements, invasive or not or landscape uses. Jack

Excellent reference. Would be even better if it talked more about each plant's needs. Great for identification. Glad I bought it.

I am a professional garden designer and plantswoman and I expect great detailed info for plants... however... this book was toooooo deep into the botany end and not enough hort info...

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