Flowering plant families of the world
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Abstract

Ranging from huge cacti and broadleaf trees to tiny arctic flowers, flowering plants are the most vital component of global biodiversity. They provide the crops that feed us, medicines, oils, fibres, herbs, spices, dyes, beverages, timber and habitats for countless animals. This updated and revised successor to a classic book, Flowering Plants of the World is an authoritative, fascinating introduction to the Earth’s most colourful flora comprising comprehensive accounts of more than 500 flowering plant families. Each entry describes distribution, diagnostic features, classification, structures, uses and ecology of flowering plants. Over
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