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INTRODUCTION

THESE ILLUSTRATIONS of British plants are intended as a companion to the *Flora of the British Isles* and it is hoped that they will help the user of that book in the recognition of species, though it must be emphasised that identifications should always be checked by reference to the text.

The arrangement of species follows the order of the *Flora*, though not every species described there is illustrated, and a few additional plants not mentioned in the first edition will be found. Species have been omitted on two grounds: first when there are two plants which are closely similar in general appearance, e.g. *Tamarix anglica* and *T. gallica*, a drawing of one is included and the ways in which the other differs may be found in the text; the second, and more frequent, case is that of aliens which have proved to be so uncommon that no fresh specimens have been forthcoming. The latter category includes a few introduced plants, such as *Epimedium alpinum* and *Roemeria hybrida*, which have been included in British Floras at least since the days of *English Botany*, but which appear now to be either extremely rare or extinct in this country. The species represented here which are not described in the *Flora* are either recently recognised natives or introduced plants which have become well established. Much work remains to be done in *Salicornia* before all the British species can be clearly defined. The taxa figured here represent some of the better-known and more widely distributed species.

The nomenclature in general follows that of the *Flora* but a few changes have had to be made as the result of recent investigations, mainly by Mr J. E. Dandy, to whom we are again indebted for advice on this intricate subject. In such cases the name used in the *Flora* is given in parentheses.

The drawings, with very few exceptions, have been made from fresh specimens and are intended primarily to show the general appearance of the plant when alive. Some details have been added which, it is hoped, will aid identification, but no attempt has been made to give large-scale drawings of all parts of the plant. Those who require such details are referred to the series of large illustrations by Miss S. Ross-Craig. The small scale of the present illustrations necessitates the use of a conventional, rather than a strictly naturalistic, representation of hairs and other small parts. It is hoped, however, that they will serve to convey the general appearance of the living plant. The specimens from which the drawings have been made are preserved in the herbarium of the University of Leicester.

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