BOOK NOTICES

Science Publishers, Inc. of Enfield (NH) is publishing a set of translations of several of the smaller floras of parts of Russia. These translations will be very useful for botanists interested in the flora of these faraway places without the need to struggle with the Russian language.

V.I. GRUBOV & T.V. EGOROVA: **Plants of Central Asia. Volume 7, Liliaceae–Orchidaceae.** Science Publishers, Inc. Enfield (NH), USA, 2002. 169 pp., maps, illus. ISBN 1-57808-118-1. Price: USD 85.

This seventh volume of the flora of Central Asia (Mongolia and China) treats the families Liliaceae, Dioscoreaceae, Iridaceae and Orchidaceae. In total 41 genera and 232 species are treated. The treatments give no descriptions, however, the leads in the keys are designed to make up for that. The species treatments include full synonymy, the herbarium where the type is held (but not collector and number, etc.), a habitat indication and specimen citations. Indeed, as the subtitle 'Plant collections from China and Mongolia' indicates the 'Plants of Central Asia' is truly specimen based. Some illustrations and maps, an overview of the phytogeographic division and an index conclude this volume.

N.N. TZEVELEV (ed.): **Vascular Plants of the Russian Far East. Volume 1. Lycopodiophyta, Juncaceae, Poaceae (Gramineae).** Science Publishers, Inc., Enfield (NH) USA, 2003. xxxii, 506 pp., maps, illus. ISBN 1-57808-290-0. Price: USD 165.

Volume 1 of the 'Vascular Plants of the Russian Far East' offers for the families of the Lycopodiophyta, the Juncaceae and the Gramineae keys to the genera and species and full descriptions of genera and species. Apart from this, the volume includes an overview of the families present in the Russian Far East, a 'system of Vascular Plants', a list of important literature and a discussion of floristic districts in the Russian Far East.

I.M. KRASNOBOROV & L.I. MALYSHEV (eds.): **Flora of Siberia. Volume 5. Salicaceae–Amarnthaceae.** Science Publishers, Inc., Enfield (NH), USA, 2003. vii, 305 pp., maps, illus. ISBN 1-57808-104-1. Price: USD 110.

This flora gives keys to genera and species and descriptions of genera and species. Dot maps for most species are provided, as are diagnostic drawings of several species.

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