

Book Review

Wayside Trees of Malaya

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Two volumes, 861 pages. 236 black and white photographic plates. 260 sets of black and white line drawings. Malaysian Price: M\$200.00 plus M\$5.00 p and p.

'Wayside Trees of Malaya' is the classic reference for interested laymen, botanists and silviculturists for more than four decades. It has facilitated access to the wonderfully rich and diverse tree flora of the Malay Peninsula since the publication of the first edition in July, 1940. The second edition, published in 1952, has long since been out of print. The advent of this third edition is therefore occasion for rejoicing.

Improvements over previous editions are notable. Numerous corrections and updating of scientific names have been made. The index of scientific names has been extended to the species level. Additional and updated information of 'Trees of local interest' has been provided, as has information on growth forms. A guide to tree models is also included.

The text, figures and plates have been divided into two nearly equal volumes, each faced with an attractive colour plate. This is arguably a more practical format than that of previous editions.

Minor mistakes, errors and commissions do crop up: both spellings, *Cratoxylon* and *Cratoxylum* are used (Pg 365); *Kurrimia* is the synonym of *Bhesa* (Pg 246); *Drepananthus* is misspelled as *Drepanthus* (Pg 132); *Anisophyllea* is missing in the new edition, and "Pacific" is printed as "Facific" on the back cover of both volumes. The publishers have noted the error in pages 692 and 694 where SAPINDACEAE should read SAPOTACEAE.

These items seem niggardly in the face of the greater achievement of bringing forth this third edition. Congratulations are in order for Professor Corner, The Malayan Nature Society and Dr Chang Kiaw Lan for her editorial and indexing work.

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