

## FOREST FLORA OF ZAMBIA

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The first edition, in which just over 1500 indigenous and exotic species of woody plants are described, was published in 1962.

1500 copies were printed, of which 400 were distributed officially. The remaining stock is almost exhausted and the work is expected to go out of print in the near future.

Since the completion of the first edition, I have been making preparations for a second edition. I have kept a record of all additions to the woody flora of Zambia and all published changes affecting nomenclature and taxonomy.

One of the distinctive features of the first edition is the inclusion of much information on field characters and ecology. In 1960 on a second visit to Zambia, I was able to collect much information, which was too late for inclusion in the first edition, but is available for the second. Mr. D. B. FANSHAWE, Principal Scientific Officer of the Department of Forestry, is currently preparing detailed accounts of the distribution and ecology of each species. So far he has reached Leguminosae: Papilionoideae. Mr. R. M. LAWTON, formerly of the Forest Department, and subsequently Plant Ecologist at Mount Makulu Agricultural Research Station, who is now employed as Plant Ecologist to the Natural Resources Division of the Directorate of Overseas Surveys is at present making an ecological study of the vegetation of the Northern Province. This is yielding much information about important indicator species, which will be included in the second edition.

Systematic work on the second edition has not yet started. It must await the completion of certain other commitments — the new Vegetation Map of Africa and accounts of the Ebenaceae for a number of regional floras. In the meantime more plates of line — drawings are being prepared. About 40 dealing with genera and families which were not illustrated in the first edition have been completed.

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