

terms defined and discussed therein will be used; although undoubtedly the author is right, my guess is that it will be difficult to shift long and established and often ill-founded tradition.

This book has resurrected a study which has found itself unattractive over the last forty years but it has handsomely been brought up-to-date and copies should be visible and easily accessible in every basidiomycetologist's library. There are a few slips, one in a prominent place (p. xi – *generea*), but these do not detract from the contents. The cover design is very refreshing. As book prices go, it is not expensive for what the reader receives; it is certainly value for money.

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Supplement to Illustrations on the Flora of the Palni Hills, South India.

K. M. Matthew. Madras: Emerald Printing House, Chennai. 1998. xxi + 316pp, 273 b/w plates. ISBN 81 900539 2 2. £20 (hardback).

This volume completes the depiction of the montane flora of the Indian Peninsula which was begun in *Illustrations on the Flora of the Palni Hills, South India* (Matthew, 1996; reviewed by Pendry, 1997), and maintains the same high standards set in that volume. The Supplement includes species omitted from the Illustrations, many aliens and genera such as *Utricularia* and *Eriocaulon* for which it was preferable to include all the species together. The plates are numbered as a continuation of the sequence from the Illustrations with the index covering both volumes.

With this part of the project complete the team is now returning to the flora of the lowlands, and aims to redraw more than 1900 plates from the *Flora of the Tamilnadu Carnatic* (Matthew 1982, 1983a, 1983b) while adding a further 600 new plates of aliens and native species missed out of the original version. I applaud their industry and wish them luck.

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