

BOOK REVIEW

GIL NELSON. 2011. **The Trees of Florida: A Reference and Field Guide, Second Edition.** (ISBN 978-1-56164-474-2, pbk.; 978-1-56164-475-9, pbk.). Pineapple Press, Inc., P.O. Box 3889, Sarasota, Florida, 34230, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.pineapplepress.com; 800-746-3275). \$24.95 (hbk.), 428 pp., 170 line drawings, 150 color photos, 6" × 9".

The Trees of Florida, second edition, describes/discusses more than 530 taxa of trees, up significantly from the first edition which treated 346 trees. For the more serious tree hugger, the new edition includes a key to families and genera. The short introduction includes topics on tree diversity in Florida, what is a tree, native/non-native/invasive/endangered trees, how to use the book, knowing the language (the language of botany), illustrated glossary, and finally 18 pages of dichotomous identification keys. And I like the layout making it easy to find parallel information on different taxa. Each taxon account—given after an introduction to the family that it belongs—includes common name, Latin name, color photo numbers, origin, form, leaves, flowers, fruits, distinguishing marks, distribution, and a concluding remarks section. This section may include notes on toxicity, value to wildlife, horticultural significance, and other pertinent and interesting facts.

At \$24.95 you can't go wrong with this 428 page book that is filled with nice line drawings (inserted in the text adjacent to the taxon) and so many excellent color photos (grouped together in the center of the book).

Note.—The inclusion of this title in the previous issue of *J. Bot. Res. Inst. Texas* (5:1, p. 340) was inadvertently listed as the second edition but was actually the first edition. Our apology!—*Barney Lipscomb, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, 1700 University Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76107-3400, U.S.A.*