

BOOK REVIEW: FLORA NEOTROPICA: MONOGRAPH NO. 14

Flora Neotropica: Monograph No. 14 Parts 1 to 3 was written by Lyman B. Smith and Robert J. Downs. It was published over 1974 to 1979. Publication details are:

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This Monograph is a major taxonomic revision of the entire family of *Bromeliaceae*. Collectively there are over 2,100 pages of text and numerous line drawings.

The Monograph provides a botanical description of every species and variety recognised by Smith & Downs. Geographic distributional maps for each genus, and botanical keys, are also provided. A listing of known hybrids was also provided.

The Monograph comprises the foundation of our taxonomic knowledge of bromeliads. While parts of the publication are now outdated, and many additional species have been described, it is still a seminal publication.

However, it is definitely of interest only for those people interested in bromeliad taxonomy.

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