

Preface for Volume 10

Since the publication of *Flora of North America* Volume 17 (the twenty-first volume in the *Flora* series) in 2019, the membership of the Flora of North America Association [FNAA] Board of Directors has changed. Thomas G. Lammers, Terry McIntosh, Richard K. Rabeler, Yuri Roskov, Dale H. Vitt, David H. Wagner, and James L. Zarucchi† have departed the board. New board members include Barbara Crandall-Stotler and Paul Davison. As a result of a reorganization finalized in 2003, the FNAA Board of Directors succeeded the former Editorial Committee; for the sake of continuity of citation, authorship of *Flora* volumes is to be cited as “Flora of North America Editorial Committee, eds.”

Most of the editorial process for this volume was done at the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis. Final processing and composition took place at the Missouri Botanical Garden; this included pre-press processing, typesetting and layout, plus coordination for all aspects of planning, executing, and scanning the illustrations. Other aspects of production, such as art panel composition plus labeling and occurrence map generation, were carried out elsewhere in North America.

Illustrations published in this volume were executed by four extremely talented artists: Barbara Alongi, Linny Heagy, Marjorie C. Leggitt, and Yevonn Wilson-Ramsey. Barbara Alongi prepared illustrations for Buxaceae, Combretaceae, Gunneraceae, Lythraceae, and Proteaceae; she also created the frontispiece depicting *Cuphea viscosissima* (Lythraceae). Linny Heagy illustrated species of Melastomataceae. Marjorie C. Leggitt illustrated species of Surianaceae. Yevonn Wilson-Ramsey prepared illustrations for Elaeagnaceae, Haloragaceae, Myrtaceae, Onagraceae, and Polygalaceae. John Myers composed and labeled all of the line drawings that appear in this volume.

Starting with Volume 8, published in 2009, the circumscription and ordering of some families within the *Flora* have been modified so that they mostly reflect that of the Angiosperm Phylogeny Group [APG] rather than the previously followed Cronquist organizational structure. The groups of families found in this and future volumes in the series are mostly ordered following E. M. Haston et al. (2007); since APG views of relationships and circumscriptions have evolved, and will change further through time, some discrepancies in organization will occur. Volume 30 of the *Flora of North America* will contain a comprehensive index to the published volumes. For practical publishing purposes, Surianaceae, Polygalaceae, and Elaeagnaceae were moved from Volume 11 to Volume 10.

Support from many institutions and by numerous individuals has enabled the *Flora* to be produced. Members of the Flora of North America Association remain deeply thankful to the many people who continue to help create, encourage, and sustain the *Flora*.