

promise that must be made between the opposing needs of economic development and conservation in the tropics. *The Tropical Rain Forest* by Paul Richards has been the standard work of reference in tropical plant ecology, but its coverage is largely limited to the forests and it has been in print for 20 years without any revision. The time is more than ripe for a new and comprehensive treatment. Schnell succeeds to some extent in filling this need.

In this book the literature coverage is particularly strong before 1960 and is more complete for West Africa than for any other part of the tropical world. This is far from disadvantageous for students of neotropical botany, for the West African literature is much less familiar than it deserves to be. However, some of the subjects Schnell treats have advanced very rapidly while the book was in production. For example, his preference for a historical treatment of tropical floras based upon permanence of the continents in their present positions but with land bridges to connect them cannot be applauded in the face of recent work on ocean-floor spreading and plate tectonics.

Schnell is good at description; his treatments of lianes, epiphytes, parasites, xerophytes, and hydrophytes are notable, for these kinds of plants have been sadly neglected by comparison with trees in most considerations of tropical flora. He is equally good when describing various kinds of vegetation, from the aquatic to the xerophilic and from high forest to the grasslands. Always, when there is controversial matter of which he is aware, he is careful to give attention to all sides of the question. In discussing the controversial matter he presents he is less successful. By comparison with the descriptions, the discussions are often brief, weak, and conducted without the utilization of modern evolutionary and ecological approaches. Thus, the "strategy" analogy, which is helping greatly in our understanding of such evolutionary developments as those in plant reproduction (pollination and seed dispersal) is never used in this book. Indeed, adaptation by plants to the effects of the presence of animals is given relatively little weight by comparison with climatic and soil influences. Ecosystem thinking is not really involved. Where there is difficulty in visualizing the adaptive significance of a feature in terms of the physical environment, the feature is liable to be written off as a sort of hereditary burden. This is the

explanation given for spines on humid forest trees, palms, and lianes. Schnell does not believe that ants are protective to plants (contra D. H. Janzen); consequently, the structures that house them are not adaptive. Neither are extra-floral nectaries.

Chapter after chapter in these two volumes is replete with information that biologists need in building working hypotheses for tropical ecology. This, rather than the discussion matter, is what makes them invaluable library reference works for those who will work in the tropics and for those who will get there vicariously because of them.

However, as reference works the volumes suffer from a terrible disadvantage in the arrangement of the bibliography. This is to be found at the end of each volume in a total of 27 topical groups that do not correspond to the chapters. The reader on encountering a reference in the text must make a guess as to which group will contain the actual citation; there is nothing in the reference to indicate its location. I was completely unable to find five of the first random sample of ten references that I sought. But, these frustrations aside, Schnell's encyclopedic work is a great pleasure to read. That one man could collect and collate so much information is very remarkable; we who will make use of it owe him a big debt.

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