

USEFUL PLANT IDENTIFICATION LITERATURE

GENERAL:

- R.K.Brummitt **Vascular Plant Families & Genera** 582 R
This lists all the recognised genera of plants, and which family they belong to.
- R.K.Brummitt **Authors of Plant Names** 581.014092 R
This is a dictionary of all authors of plant names.
- D.J.Mabberley **The Plant Book** 582 B
A comprehensive Dictionary to flowering plant families, genera and many species.
- Index Kewensis** REF 1
This lists every plant name ever published. Now available in CD-ROM.
- Index Londinensis** REF 1
This lists all published illustrations of plant species up to 1935.
- Smith **A Gardeners Dictionary of Plant Names** 581.01403 B
Stearn's Dictionary of Plant Names for Gardeners 581.01403 B
Two dictionaries which list translations or origins of Latin and common names .
- Stearn **Botanical Latin** 581.014 B
The source book for taxonomists, not a regular reference.

HORTICULTURAL Dictionaries /Encyclopaedias

- European Garden Flora** (6 volumes) REF 2
The best source for identifying a garden plant to species, but no cultivars are mentioned.
- Royal Horticultural Society Dictionary of Gardening** REF 2
This 4 volume set is useful, but not for identifying plants - there are virtually no keys.
- The RHS Plant Finder** (also now on CD-ROM) REF 2
This is the book to find where to get a particular plant, or how to spell its name, as well as synonymys etc.
- Index to NCCPG collection holders** REF 2
A list of all the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens collections.
- W.J.Bean **Trees and shrubs hardy in the British Isles** REF 2
A five volume set with detailed descriptions. NB the combined usage of cv. and the cultivar name in inverted commas is completely wron.
- P. Trehane **Index Hortensis** 582.12014 B
A dictionary of cultivars. Only Vol.1. exists as yet, on Herbaceous Perennials.
- Bailey & Bailey **Hortus Third** or **Manual of Cultivated Plants** REF 1
This is a single large volume of all cultivated plants in North America.
- Pan Books: Photographic guides, mostly by Phillips and Rix:
- Early Perennials** 635.932
 - Late Perennials** 635.932
 - Shrubs** 635.976
 - The Bulb Book** 635.944
 - Roses** 635.99 (Rosaceae)

INFORMATION ON IRISH CULTIVARS

- Forrest, M. **Trees and shrubs cultivated in Ireland.** **635.97709415 B**
- Nelson, E.C. **Glory of Donard** **635.969 (in library office)**
A history and index to all cultivars produced by the Slieve Donard Nursery, Co. Down (1904-1975)
- Nelson, E.C. **Daisy Hill Nursery** **just published**
A history and index to all cultivars produced by the Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry (1886-1986)
- Nelson, E.C. **Irish Cultivars .** **635.909417 B**

JOURNALS

- The New Plantsman** (formerly the Plantsman) **Journals**
- The Garden** **Journals**
- Both these journals often have well illustrated articles on plant genera or species.*

IRISH FLORA (wild)

- C. Stace **New Flora of the British Isles** **581.9415 F**
This is almost too detailed, includes numerous alien species in Britain.
- D.A. Webb **An Irish Flora** **581.9415 F**
Whilst a good book with good keys, it has no pictures, and is not the best for beginners.
- Fitter, Fitter & Blamey **The Wild Flowers of Britain and Northern Europe** **Not in Library**
This is probably the best pocket-sized picture book for learning the Irish flora.
- Blamey & Grey-Wilson **The illustrated flora of Britain and Northern Europe** **581.94 F**
The Coffee table version of the above.