

THE PRETORIA FLORA

This is a guide to the 1 700 indigenous and naturalized species of ferns and flowering plants of the Pretoria region. It is written, as far as possible, in non-technical language. All species are illustrated by means of line drawings. Comprehensive keys to families and species are based on readily visible characters. A vegetative key to trees is provided but flowering and/or fruiting material is generally required for the identification of other species. Family descriptions are largely diagnostic and mention only characters found locally. Species descriptions are incorporated in the species key with the diagnostic characters printed in italics. Together with notes on ecology and sometimes economics,

species descriptions are on average 40 to 50 words long. Recent synonyms and some common names are given. On average six species are dealt with on each text page. Texts are printed on the left hand page and the corresponding illustrations on the page opposite. Introductory chapters deal briefly with ecology and seasonal features of the flora. Publication is projected for 1984.

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