

*Olivaceion* and *Trichoterion* (p. 85 and 87) are invalid according to the code of phytocenological nomenclature.

The quality of HALE's book is best demonstrated by the third edition. We can felicitate the author heartily!

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## FLORA OF ICELAND

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Few countries have so many guides to their Flora as Iceland. LÖVE's Flora is the twelfth since the year 1830. It is a translation of his "Íslenzk ferðhaflóra" (1977) with several nomenclatorial innovations and with two additions, viz. *Carex caryophyllea* and *Juncus gerardii*, both from SW. Iceland. (The total number of species is thus 518).

ÁSKELL LÖVE prefers very narrow genera as well as narrow families. This was evident from the previous editions of his Flora; now we find e.g. that even the genus *Saxifraga* is divided into *Micranthus (nivalis)*, *Spathularia (stellaris)*, *Hirculus (ranunculoides)*, *Saxifraga (cernua)*, *Muscaria (cespitosa)*, *Leptasea (aizoides)*, *Antiphylla (oppositifolia)* and *Chondrosea (paniculata)*. Is this necessary, when they have so many features in common?

Among new combinations we find *Acetosella multifida* (L.) LÖVE for *A. tenuifolia*.

*Cathartolinum suecicum* (p. 272) is rightly said to be perennial, but the fig. 368 is an annual plant, i.e. *C. catharticum*. LÖVE names the main birch species of Iceland (and Scandinavia as well) *Betula pubescens* EHRH. subsp. *tortuosa* (LEDEB.) NYMAN. According to ORLOVA (1978) LEDEBOUR's *B. tortuosa* is not identical with the Scandinavian species of this designation, so its name should be *B. czerepanowii* ORLOVA, Vestn. Leningr. Univ. 3: 56–82, 1978 resp. *B. pubescens* EHRH. subsp. *czerepanowii* (ORLOVA). But it is very probable that this common species of Scandinavia has another valid name, older than *B. czerepanowii*.

The whole book is well printed. Each species is provided with an excellent illustration by DAGNY TANDE-LID. It brings accurate information on the interesting Flora of this island in the North Atlantic and we can congratulate the author on this excellent work.

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## Erratum

There were some misprints in the paper by БИЯТИА (Folia Geobot. Phytotax 19: 381–385). We apologize for them to the author and to readers and we ask readers to correct the following points:

In the second column of the Tab. 1 symbol  $\leq$  should be changed to  $\pm$ ; in the references, БИЯТИА 1965 should read 1966, and БИЯТИА 1983 instead of 1982b.