

BOOK REVIEW

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Bignoniaceae: <i>Handroanthus</i> , <i>Tabebuia</i> , and <i>Cydista</i>	Loranthaceae and Viscaceae (Mistletoe Families)
Bromeliaceae (Bromeliad Family)	Marcgraviaceae (Shingle Plant Family)
Cecropiaceae: <i>Cecropia</i>	Melastomataceae (Melastome Family)
Chloranthaceae: <i>Hedyosmum</i>	Moraceae: <i>Ficus</i> (Fig Family)
Clusiaceae: <i>Clusia</i> and <i>Symphonia</i>	Orchidaceae (Orchid Family)
Coriariaceae: <i>Coriaria</i>	Passifloraceae: <i>Passiflora</i> (Passion Flower Family)
Fabaceae: <i>Inga</i> , <i>Calliandra</i> , <i>Erythrina</i> , and <i>Mucuna</i>	Rubiaceae (Coffee and Quinine Family)
Heliconiaceae: <i>Heliconia</i>	Siparunaceae: <i>Siparuna</i>
	Solanaceae (Potato and Tobacco Family)

Glossary

References

From the Publisher: MICHAEL FOGDEN and PATRICIA FOGDEN are freelance writers and acclaimed nature photographers whose work has appeared in books and magazines worldwide. They are the authors of *Hummingbirds of Costa Rica* and *Hummingbirds: A Life-Sized Guide to Every Species*. The Fogdens have conducted research and lived all around the world, including Costa Rica, Uganda, and Australia. They currently live in the UK.

The authors have presented a beautifully illustrated book about flowers. The history of mankind and their mutualistic relationship with flowers are discussed, not only in terms of economic importance but also the love of flowers in our culture.

The function of a flower is extensively discussed with many examples from research and field experiences. Over 200 photographs captivate the reader. Pollination and seed dispersal of flowers are included in their research and illustrated throughout the book. Photographs feature many pollinators of flowers throughout the world.—*Camille Carey, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, Fort Worth, Texas, U.S.A.*