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Sustainable forest management (SFM) is not a new concept. However, its popularity has increased in the last few decades because of public concern about the dramatic decrease in forest resources. The implementation of SFM is generally achieved using criteria and indicators (C

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The seemingly innocent observation that the activities of organisms bring about changes in environments is so obvious that it seems an unlikely focus for a new line of thinking about evolution. Yet niche construction--as this process of organism-driven environmental modification is known--has hidden complexities. By transforming biotic and abiotic sources of natural selection in external environments, niche construction

generates feedback in evolution on a scale hitherto underestimated--and in a manner that transforms the evolutionary dynamic. It also plays a critical role in ecology, supporting ecosystem engineering and influencing the flow of energy and nutrients through ecosystems. Despite this, niche construction has been given short shrift in theoretical biology, in part because it cannot be fully understood within the framework of standard evolutionary theory. Wedding evolution and ecology, this book extends evolutionary theory by formally including niche construction and ecological inheritance as additional evolutionary processes. The authors support their historic move with empirical data, theoretical population genetics, and conceptual models. They also describe new research methods capable of testing the theory. They demonstrate how their theory can resolve long-standing problems in ecology, particularly by advancing the sorely needed synthesis of ecology and evolution, and how it offers an evolutionary basis for the human sciences. Already hailed as a pioneering work by some of the world's most influential biologists, this is a rare, potentially field-changing contribution to the biological sciences.

This third edition of a classic bibliography retains the best features of its predecessor, published ten years ago, with greatly expanded coverage of Web sites. Its nearly 1,000 annotated entries focus on core materials for botanists and plant biologists. Organized by topic rather than format, it runs the gamut from Plant Physiology to Genetics and Biotechnology. Introductory chapters discuss the study of plants, characteristics of plant

biology literature, and the history of the field and the people in it. This book is for both neophyte and seasoned botanists and their information purveyors.

Key Benefit: For non-majors and mixed-majors introductory botany (plant biology) courses. *Plant Biology* focuses readers on the function of plants and the role they play in our world. With evolved content and a new organization, the authors emphasize the scientific method to help readers develop the critical thinking skills they need to make sound decisions throughout life. Together, the emphasis on how plants work and the development of critical-thinking skills support the authors' goal of fostering scientific literacy. **Key Topics:** Introduction to Plant Biology, Plants and People, Molecules and Plants, Cells, Photosynthesis and Respiration, DNA, RNA, and Protein Synthesis, Cell Division: Mitosis and Cytokinesis, Plant Structure, Growth, and Development, Stems, Roots, Leaves, Plant Behavior, Reproduction, Meiosis, and Life Cycles, Genetics and the Laws of Inheritance, Genetic Engineering, Biological Evolution, Naming and Organizing Microbes, Viruses, and Plants, Prokaryotes and the Origin of Life, Protists and the Origin of Eukaryotic Cells, Fungi and Lichens, Seedless Plants: Bryophytes, Lycophytes, and Pteridophytes, Gymnosperms and the Origin of Seeds, Angiosperm Reproduction: Flowers, Fruits, and Seeds, Flowering Plant and Animal Coevolution: Pollination and Seed Dispersal, Principles of Ecology and the Biosphere, Arid Terrestrial Ecosystems, Moist Terrestrial Ecosystems, Aquatic Ecosystems, Human Impacts and Sustainability **Market Description:** For those interested in learning the

basics of plant biology

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There are almost one third of a million species of plants which range in form from unicellular algae a few microns in diameter to gigantic trees that can grow to a height of 100 meters. Plant

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Life makes sense of the bewildering diversity of plants by treating them not just as photosynthetic factories, but as living organisms that are the survivors of millions of years of evolutionary struggle. The book examines plants from an evolutionary perspective to show how such a wide range of life forms has evolved and continues to thrive. The book is divided into three main sections. The first introductory section sets out the necessary background of evolutionary and taxonomic theory and introduces a classification of living plants based on the ways in which they have evolved. The second part investigates how the challenges of life in the water and on land have led to the evolution of the major taxonomic groups of the plants, and describes the key adaptations that have contributed to the success of each group. The final section shows how the contrasting environments of the world's major climatic zones have led to the evolution of such different floras as those of tropical rainforests, prairies and deserts. This section introduces a fascinating range of plants with ingenious and often bizarre methods of survival and reproduction. The book is enriched by detailed case studies, points for discussion and suggestions for further investigation. In addition, extensive color plates and line drawings bring the world of plants vividly to life. Clear classification charts and a full glossary are also useful. *Plant Life* is an essential elementary text for undergraduate students and should prove a breath of fresh air for jaded botanists who are accustomed to the traditional taxonomic grind through the plant kingdom. New, environmental approach in keeping with modern course content. Beautifully written in a clear, concise and accessible style. Extensive colour plates, electron micrographs and line drawings bring the world of plants vividly to life. Uses carefully chosen examples of species in each group, so that students are not overwhelmed with excessive information and species lists. Discussion questions at the end of

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chapters encourages further reading and provides essay topics for teachers. Clear classification charts and a full glossary provide useful material for revision.

Introductory Botany: Plants, People, and the Environment, Media Edition Brooks/Cole Publishing Company

"The overall theme of this introductory textbook is the role of plants in the biosphere - in keeping with that theme, related environmental issues are integrated into each chapter."--NHBS Environment Bookstore.

The book that helped make Michael Pollan, the New York Times bestselling author of *How to Change Your Mind*, *Cooked* and *The Omnivore's Dilemma*, one of the most trusted food experts in America Every schoolchild learns about the mutually beneficial dance of honeybees and flowers: The bee collects nectar and pollen to make honey and, in the process, spreads the flowers' genes far and wide. In *The Botany of Desire*, Michael Pollan ingeniously demonstrates how people and domesticated plants have formed a similarly reciprocal relationship. He masterfully links four fundamental human desires—sweetness, beauty, intoxication, and control—with the plants that satisfy them: the apple, the tulip, marijuana, and the potato. In telling the stories of four familiar species, Pollan illustrates how the plants have evolved to satisfy humankind's most basic yearnings. And just as we've benefited from these plants, we have also done

well by them. So who is really domesticating whom?

Written for the introductory course for non-science majors, *Plants & People* outlines the practical, economical, and environmental aspects of how plants interact with human beings and the earth. The book begins with an introduction to the fundamental concepts of plant biology, followed by sections focused on the global issues related to plants and their connection to global warming, deforestation, and biogeography. It continues by examining how plants influence our daily lives, from food and drink to clothing and medicinal usage. The text encourages readers to have a continued interest in plants in our society and to consider how our actions play a role in their existence.

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