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PREFACE TO THE THIRD EDITION

Although there have been few if any detectable changes in the trees themselves since the second edition of this book some eight years ago, the information about them has been increasing constantly. It was necessary, therefore, to make several hundred sometimes small, but usually significant, changes throughout the text.

Unfortunately for the stability of nomenclature, a number of scientific names have been found untenable under the "International Rules of Botanical Nomenclature" (52). In some cases we have made the suggested changes; in others, where well-established names were involved, we have "conserved" them, but have also given the proposed legal name so that those who wish may use it. Since the overwhelming opinion of teachers who use this text favored the nomenclature of the U.S. Forest Service Check List (165) (interim mimeographed edition of 1944), we have endeavored to follow it, but where it departs from Standardized Plant Names (156), the (SPN) name also has been included. Common trade names (Tr) are those names which do not agree with the nomenclature of the Check List. Foreign trees or shrubs not in the Check List have been assigned Standardized Plant Names for the sake of convenience.

A rearrangement and amplification of part of the Introduction has seemed desirable, and a new section adapted from Glossary of Derivations, in "Trees of Northeastern United States" (43), by permission of the author, Dr. H. P. Brown, should prove useful to the student.

It would be presumptuous to suppose that, in a compendium of this length, no errors have occurred. We shall appreciate having any such errors called to our attention. Thanks are due many of our students, colleagues, and teachers in other colleges for helpful suggestions. These include D. H. Caldwell, H. A. Core, C. H. de Zeeuw, L. Leney, and D. P. Thomas, of the New York State College of Forestry; Dr. E. L. Little, Dendrologist, U.S. Forest Service; Prof. W. R. Adams, University of

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