

Pospíšil, F., Hrachová, B.: Užitkové rostliny jižních zemí. [Useful Plants of Southern Countries.] - Academia, Praha 1989. 160 pp., in Czech.

F. Polívka (1908) and later K. Domin have written nice textbooks of useful exotic plants. Since these publications are hardly available nowadays, the current manual of cultivated exotic plants might be important for a wide range of readers interested in economically important southern plants. Authors divided the text into following chapters: Sugar Plants, Spice Plants, Cereals, Root Crops, Oil Plants, Fruit, Alkaloid Producing Plants, Vegetables, Plants used for Technical Purposes and medical Plants. Book is illustrated by 25 instructive figures and 80 color plates. Botanical characteristic and short description of cultivation are given for all plants considered. Moreover, each plant has interesting information of its utilization including the description of technological processing of useful parts of the plant. This book can be recommended not only to specialists but also to everybody who is interested in the origin and properties of some rare exotic fruit and plant products. It might also be useful for our tourists who could find these plants during their visit of southern countries.

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