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This trilingual dictionary of plant names starts with a short characteristic of the authors of the book followed by an introduction to botanical nomenclature and problems related to it. A systematic overview of vascular plants and an alphabetical overview of botanical families and genera is followed by the most important and as well most voluminous part of the book – the list of genera and species in Latin with the names in German, English and French, with specifications of the home territories, distribution entries, plant type, flowering time, *etc.* Lists of common plant names in German, English and French,

and a list of authors of plant names (abbreviation behind the name of genus and species), all sorted alphabetically, are added to enable quick searching of a plant. The book ends with a list of primarily used publications.

This dictionary covers all wild plants growing in Central Europe but also introduced plants in gardens or botanical gardens and collections, *i.e.*, about 20 000 species plus 10 000 synonyms. It is an excellent inevitable tool for each taxonomist, botanist and all those who are looking for the precise botanical name of their research object.

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