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- CROW, J. F., KIMURA, M.: *An Introduction to Population Genetics Theory*. — Harper & Row, Publ., New York 1970.
- KVĚT, J., MARSHALL, J. K.: Assessment of leaf area and other assimilating plant surfaces. — In: ŠESTÁK, Z., ČATSKÝ, J., JARVIS, P. G. (ed.): *Plant Photosynthetic Production. Manual of Methods*. Pp. 517–555. Dr. W. Junk, Publ., The Hague 1971.
- NASYROV, YU. S. (ed.): *Geneticheskie Aspekty Fotosinteza*. [Genetic Aspects of Photosynthesis.] — Donish, Dushanbe 1971.
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