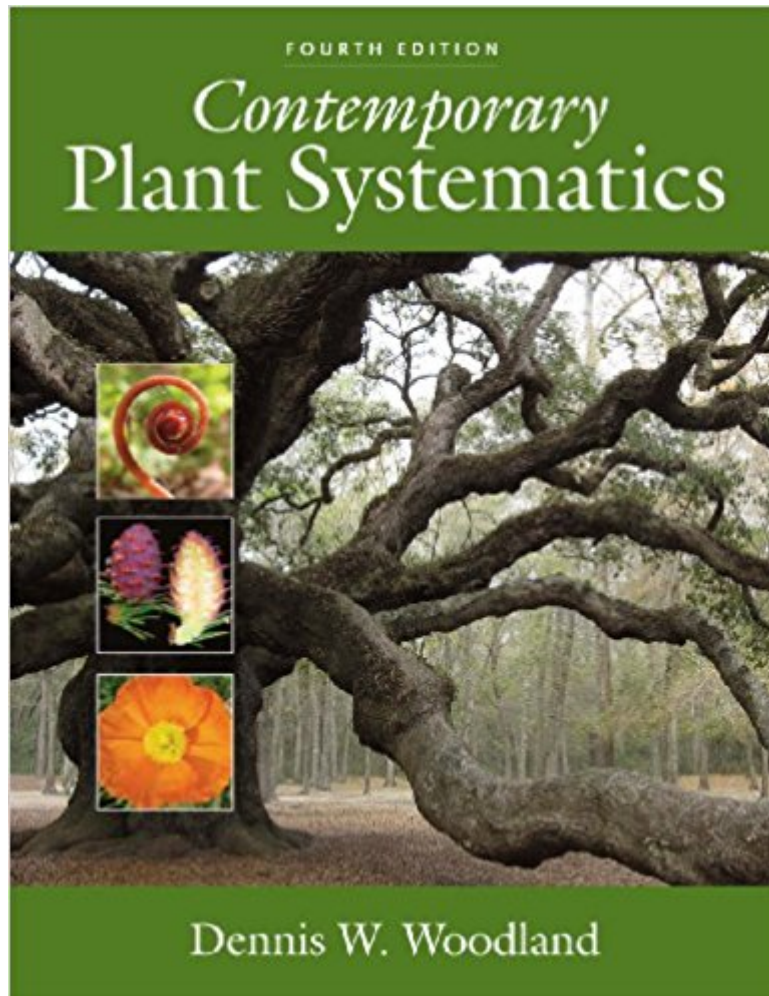




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This fourth edition of Contemporary Plant Systematics combines the latest in updated literature and additional plant family representations with innovative electronic media. Among the features of this fourth edition are: New chapters on the latest developments in contemporary plant classification and the role of systematics in preserving plant diversity 500 all-new line drawings Detailed descriptions of 275 plant families, using one page or a double-page spread for each family, with all relevant drawings and descriptions More than 60 color plates with more than 500 color photographs of plant specimens The updated third edition of the University of Wisconsin Photo Atlas of Vascular Plants (on DVD), now with more than 8,500 plant images representing 325 plant families The all-new Interactive Keys to Vascular Plant Families of the World (on CD) for easy identification of plant families and cross-indexed to Contemporary Plant Systematics An extensive bibliography to world flora, with more than 1,000 listings. Packed with rich, four-color illustrations, this new edition is ideal for a broad-view beginning text and highly functional as a reference book for basic plant systematics. It gives students and serious amateur gardeners/botanists--wherever they may live in the world--a sufficient botanical understanding of vascular plants.

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students and serious amateur gardener/botanists wherever they may live in the world; a sufficient botanical understanding of vascular plants. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

For over 35 years, I have taught a basic course in systematic botany to undergraduate students, both majors and non-majors alike. One of the exercises undertaken by the students each year, toward the end of the course, is to critique a published text in plant systematics. Some of the students' comments have been as follows: "Good text but too large for one term"; "Poorly illustrated"; "Most boring and sleep provoking to read"; "Fine for the basic terminology, but doesn't go far enough"; "Only includes flowering plants"; "Gives basic information, but lacks contemporary material from the taxonomic field"; "Doesn't incorporate current contemporary methods"; "No color"; "Why not write a text yourself?" Reflecting on the students' comments, I realized that perhaps they were right. Why not write a well-illustrated, broad-view, beginning text that would give the students, wherever they may live in the world, sufficient botanical understanding of vascular plants that would utilize the changing world of global information? Contemporary Plant Systematics, 3rd ed., has been updated for the undergraduate student and serious amateur gardener/botanist who has taken at least a beginning biology course in high school or college. The text has been written to (1) teach basic botanical contemporary information as applied to vascular plants, (2) relate these facts to systematic principles, (3) show how systematic principles are important to contemporary botanical and environmental issues from a global perspective, and (4) allow the student access to digitized, colorful, botanical images. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

It's a good overview of botanical terms and plant identification systems which was very useful for getting a good foundation in the field.

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