

Mother of Gardens, in the Twenty-first Century

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Though China has been called Mother of Gardens by Ernest Henry Wilson since nearly a hundred years ago, the contribution of Chinese plants to the horticultural world has never been summarized. Now after hard work by several generations of plant taxonomists in the past century, particularly with the completion of *Flora Reipublicae Popularis Sinicae* (Chinese edition, 1959-2004) and *Flora of China* (English Edition, 1994-2013) as well as several dozens of local floras in provinces, it is very necessary not only to show their contributions to the world but also to summarize our work on ornamental plants as well as to use and protect them, with a series of books entitle as *China, Mother of Gardens, in the Twenty-first Century*.

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