

Florae Siamensis Enumeratio. (The Flora of Siam)

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The first instalment of Professor Craib's paper, "Florae Siamensis Enumeratio — A list of the plants known from Siam with records of their occurrence", was published on March 1st last. In this paper Professor Craib, as he explains in his introduction, has brought together all the Siamese plants of previous lists — re-examining these plants when possible — and added many new records. Previous lists of Siamese plants have been published in many different periodicals, different countries and different languages; many of these lists are now out of print and difficult to obtain, so that the present list comes as a boon to botanists interested in the flora of South-Eastern Asia.

The instalment now published covers the families Ranunculaceae to Tiliaceae, following Bentham and Hooker's sequence of families. Some idea of the progress made in the knowledge of the flora of Siam during the past two decades may be obtained from the following figures. The first two published lists of Siamese plants, Dr. Schmidt's "Flora of Koh Chang" (1901-1915) and Dr. William's "Liste des Plantes connues du Siam" (1904-1905), between them recorded 73 species for the group of families Ranunculaceae to Tiliaceae. Since the appearance of these two lists other lists of Siamese plants have been published which bring the recorded number in these families up to 307 species. Professor Craib now adds 340 more, bringing the total for these families up to 647 species.

The Enumeratio gives, besides the names, references to standard floras and to the various lists of Siamese plants where the species in question has appeared, records of the occurrence of the species in Siam, the geographical distribution and, when known, the Siamese name. Notes are also added on critical species. It is

probable that it will take three or four more instalments to complete the list. With the last instalment it is intended to publish a complete index.

In this work the Siamese names are given in Siamese characters as well as transliterated, and some names are given in other languages such as Khmer and Karen.

The price of this first instalment, which can be obtained from the Bangkok Times Press Ltd., is Tcs. 5 for members of the Society and Tcs. 7 (or 12s 10d at the present rate of exchange) for non-members.
