

**BOOK REVIEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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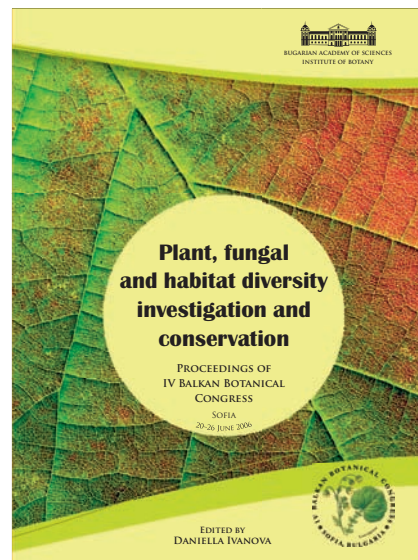
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Ivanova, D. (ed.). 2009

**Plant, Fungal and Habitats Diversity Investigation and Conservation.****Proceedings of the 4<sup>th</sup> Balkan Botanical Congress, 20-26 June, Sofia**

Prof. Marin Drinov Academic Publishing House,  
Sofia. Paperback, 712 pp. ISBN: 978-954-9746-14-3

The Proceedings contain a considerable part of the presentations (oral and posters), 130 original articles altogether. They present the range of botanical research topics reported during the Congress, most of which contain new scientific information and/or extend and improve the earlier state of knowledge. The articles are grouped according to the seven original sessions. A list of registered participants of the Congress is also added.



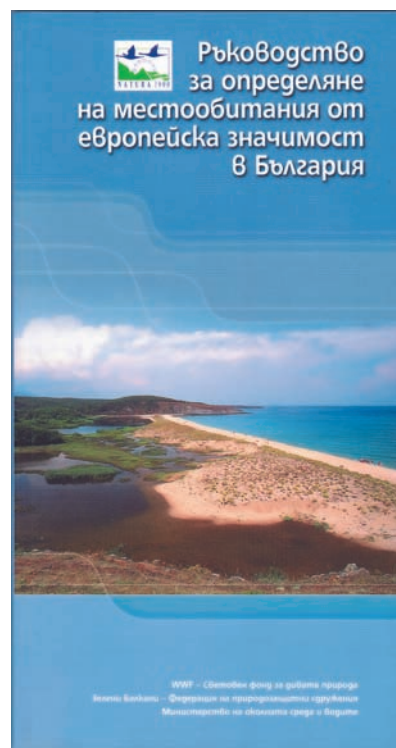
Kavrakova, V., Dimova, D., Dimitrov, D., Tzonev, R., Belev, T. &amp; Rakovska, K. (eds). 2009

**Guide for Identification of Habitats of European Community Interest in Bulgaria**

2<sup>nd</sup> revised and enlarged edition. WWF, Danube-Carpathian Programme & Green Balkans Federation, Sofia. Paperback, 131 pp., colour photographs. ISBN: 978-954-9433-08-1 (in Bulgarian).

This publication results from the joint efforts of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Green Balkans Federation and the Ministry of Environment and Waters in Bulgaria. The Guide comprises information on 90 habitat types included in Supplement I to the Directive 92/24 EU and Supplement I to the Biological Diversity Act of Bulgaria. The habitats are grouped and arranged according to the Directive. Information about 54 habitats was updated and a new entry is added. The Guide is useful for determining the place of habitats in the field in relation to NATURA 2000, as well as for mapping of habitats and for drawing management plans for the protected areas.

The book is intended for ecologists, biologists, foresters, specialists in protected areas, teachers in natural sciences, officers of the Ministry of Environment and Waters and its executive agencies and regional branches, research institutes and anyone related to nature protection in Bulgaria.



Iliya Cheshmedzhiev & Rossen Vassilev. 2009

## Flora of Plovdiv

Bulgarian Biodiversity Foundation, Sofia. Paperback,  
301 pp. ISBN: 978-954-9959-44-4 (in Bulgarian).

The book presents the rich diversity of 1430 plant species in one of Bulgaria's most beautiful cities, the city of Plovdiv. The species are distributed into 161 families and 655 genera. They include wild-growing and cultivated (natural and introduced) trees, shrubs and herbaceous species occurring on the territory of the city: in the parks, gardens and along the streets.

The natural flora accounts for about 70 % of all species in the city, with prevalence of the Mediterranean (43%) and Eurasian (28%) phytogeographic elements, followed by the boreal and European (16% each) and Pontic and Asian (6 %) elements. The grassy biological type prevails (3/4 of all, mainly perennial) and 1/4 are arboreal (chiefly shrubs). Most species have medicinal and nutritional properties, others are weeds, meadow and pastureland species. Most of the cultivated species are decorative and a lesser number are farm crops.

The tables are original or remade, the genera are arranged alphabetically, according to the Latin names of the species. To facilitate the reader, a glossary of characteristic botanical concepts used in the book is attached, as well as Indexes of the Latin and Bulgarian names of the species.

The book is illustrated with black-and-white drawings and schemes of some species (563) and original colour photographs (101). The References comprise 34 titles. It is the first of its kind in the country and is intended for students in biology and agronomy, school students, florists, herbalists, dendrologists, specialists in landscape gardening, environmentalists, amateurs, etc.

The book is available at the office of the Bulgarian Biodiversity Foundation in Sofia and at the Green Balkans in Plovdiv, as well as at the bookstore of the Agrarian University in Plovdiv.

