

BOOK REVIEW

Pollen Flora of Maharashtra State, India. T.S. Nayer, New Delhi, India: Today and Tomorrow's Printers and Publishers, 248/5,0 .8. Gupto Road, New Delhi 110005, India; Houston, TX: Scholarly Publications, 7310 El Cresta Drive, Houston, TX 77083, U.S.A. Pp. xi, **157**, 67 plates.

The study of pollen in regions as distant and different floristically as that of the state of Maharashtra in India represents a most welcome addition to palynology. This book is the product of intensive and extensive scholarly **research** and will long remain a consultative work for botanists in general.

Following Takhtajan's system of classifications it **treats** pollen in 87 families. The first chapter provides an excellent detailed discussion of the principles of palynology. Chapter 2 **concerns** methodology and **discussion** of **terminology**, **micro-**photography, nomenclature, illustrations and family arrangements. Chapter 3 outlines aspects involved in pollen keys. The fourth chapter offers systematic **descriptions** of pollen by families, genera, and **species**. **There** follow an extremely extensive selected **bibliography**, glossary of palynological **terms**, and a scientific index. The 67 plates, each with 6 or more microphotographs, are of the highest quality. The author must be congratulated for producing such a masterly **piece** of **research**.

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