

Contribuciones Latinoamericanas al Mundo. La Utilización de las Plantas en Diversas Sociedades. Miguel Angel Martínez. Red Editorial Iberoamericana, Lago Mayor 186, Col. Anahuac, Delegación Miguel Hidalgo, Código Postal 11320, México, D.F., México, 1990 (second edition). price not given. ISBN 84-207-3068-8.

This little book, written in Spanish, begins by emphasizing the cultural and economic importance of plants, mainly those outside of their native homes and ends with considerations of possible future contributions from the Iberoamerican flora.

The book is divided into six sections: 1) Economic and cultural part of plants in human societies; 2) Food plants; 3) Medicinal plants; 4) Industrial and ornamental plants; 5) Present and future contributions of the flora; 6) Interesting information. A total of 116 species are considered, often with extremely interesting local uses not widely known.

A publication written in a popular style, it will undoubtedly play a role in wide circles often oblivious to modern man's continued dependence on the Plant Kingdom.

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