

La Guia de Incafo de las Plantas Utiles y Venenosas de la Península Ibérica y Baleares (*Excluidas Medicinales*). Diego Rivera Nuñez and Concepción Obon de Castro. Incafo, S.A., Castello 59, 28001, Madrid. Pp. 1257. price and ISBN not given. [order from: Mundi-Prensa Libros, S.A. (91) 575 39 98 (FAX for consulting), Madrid, Spain].

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It is not usual to find such a local economic botanical book with so much information so easily available.

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