I publish this volume in honour of two eminent botanists from Edinburgh P. H. Davis on his 70th birthday and I. C. Hedge on his 60th birthday who have been most active in the study of the flora of South-West Asia.

Preface

The sixth volume of the "Chorology of trees and shrubs in South-West Asia and adjacent regions" has been prepared on the same principles as the earlier ones. Here ranges are presented of a further 50 species belonging to 15 families, of which the most rich ones are: Caprifoliacede – 10 species, Rhamnaceae – 7, Leguminosae – 5, Anacardiaceae and Cistaceae – 4 each, and Berberidaceae and Fagaceae – 3 each. In this volume the range of the last species from the Ericaceae family is presented, for Vaccinium vitis-idaea L., which was left out in vol. 2 since at the time we lacked data on its occurrence in Anatolia and Greece. The list of woody species in that region has also been completed for the following families: Anacardiaceae (before in vol. 3), Apocynaceae (before in vol. 5), Asclepiadaceae (before in vol. 2), Salvadoraceae and Smilacaceae and the genera Cistus (before in vol. 2) and Viburnum.

In two instances (Ziziphus nummularia (Burm. f.) Wight. et Arn. and Z. spina-christi (L.) Desf.) the usual practice of giving stands of occurrence in the form of points on the maps has been abandoned lacking detailed information and only the approximate northern limit of the species on the Arabian Peninsula has been drawn with the help of a broken line basing on the "Conspectus Florae Orientalis" vol. 2 (M. Zohary, C. C. Heyn, D. Heller, 1983).

The literature listing has been enriched by a further 32 positions. The enumeration of these references is in continuation of the listings presented in previous volumes. The author is indebted to Dr. A. Danin (Jerusalem) for help in compiling data for the species of Palestine.

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