## Preface

The ninth volume of the "Chorology of trees and shrubs in South-West Asia and adjacent regions" has been prepared on the same principles as the previous volumes. It covers ranges of further 50 species belonging to 31 genera and 18 families. Among the families most represented are the Leguminosae and Solanaceae – 9 species each, Caprifoliaceae, Chenopodiaceae and Rosaceae – 5 each, and Labiatae – 3. In volume 9 for the first time species was introduced from families Convolvulaceae, Malvaceae, Menispermaceae, Myrsinaceae, Sapotaceae, Solanaceae and Zygophyllaceae. The volume treats primarily shrubs and shrublets; two species are climbers (*Lonicera griffithii, Cocculus pendulus*).

The literature listing has been enriched by a further 41 items. The enumeration of these references is in continuation of the listings presented in previous volumes.

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