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Book review

I. Vegh, 1987. Champignons des arbres et arbustes d'ornement. Premier inventaire des champignons identifiés en France. INRA, Paris. 122 pp. ISBN-2-85340-811-6. Price: FF. 155.00.

This book consists of two parts. The first, which occupies half the volume, consists of a list of pathogenic fungi found in France on trees and shrubs. The list is based on data collected during the last 30 years by the diagnostic section of the INRA Station de Pathologie Végétale in Versailles and is supplemented with data from the literature. The Latin names of the anamorph and, if known, of the teleomorph are followed by the French common name. The fungi are listed by their host plant. No descriptions are given of the fungi, or of the symptoms they cause. Unfortunately, scant attention has been paid to the nomenclature, which is often out of date. As the author states in his introduction, it is a first provisional list: no attempt has been made to be comprehensive. The second part of the volume consists of 247 colour plates of disease symptoms. Nearly all of them are excellent and clearly depict the characteristic disease symptoms. Both the contents and the format of this booklet (a ring-bound paperback) qualify it as a guide intended for use in the field. The excellent illustrations of disease symptoms make it useful to anybody intended in the pathology of trees and shrubs. As there is little text, readers who are not familiar with French should not experience many problems.

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