Preface

The third volume of "Chorology of trees and shrubs in Sout-West Asia and adjacent regions" includes a description of ranges of distribution for a further 50 species. They belong to 31 genera and 18 families, of which 9 are represented by only a single species. The largest number of species is in family *Rhamnaceae* (12), *Oleaceae* (7), *Guttiferae* (5), *Anacardiaceae* (4) and *Euphorbiaceae* and *Ranunculaceae* (3 each). Six of the species are climbers, and only one is a tree of the first order (*Aesculus indica* (Wall. ex Cambess.) Hook f.). The majority represent the Mediterranean element.

The range maps have been prepared on the same principle as in the two previous volumes. In the meantime the herbarium data for Greece has been much enriched by materials from the Herbarium of the Botanical Museum in Lund, Sweden. The literature list increased by 58 positions. In the present volume "Draf Index of Author Abbreviations compiled at The Herbarium Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew" (1980) is being used.

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