
Mosses,—A New Approach to the Identification of Common Species. *E.T. Bodenberg.* Burgess Publishing Co. Minneapolis 15, Minnesota. 1954. xi+264 pp.; Size 8½ x 11; Mimeo-print and Offset; Spiral Binding; Illus. \$5.00.

Most books on the mosses have been written for specialists interested in the Bryophytes, one of the great divisions of the plant kingdom. These may be used as texts but ordinarily, students need the assistance of an instructor to successfully learn to use them. Dr. Bodenberg has succeeded in preparing a book on mosses which will appeal to nature lovers; to students who wish to become acquainted with this group of plants upon their own initiative; and it may be used as a text in Local Flora courses. In addition, the book will be useful as collateral reading for General Botany students. The chapter titles are as follows: What are Mosses?; The Place of Mosses in Nature; How to Study Mosses; Moss Morphology, a Description of the Parts of the Moss Plant; When and Where to Find the Common Mosses; How the Specialist Classifies Mosses; and How to Identify the Common Mosses. The last chapter is a field key to 27 moss families and 156 species found in the U.S.A.

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