SPECIES DESCRIPTIONS

The significance of Part Two is that it compiles gathered materials to serve those with a broad interest in tropical tree seeds. Much of this material had never been published, or perhaps had only limited or regional distribution. Please note that some species are not as completely described as others. These incomplete descriptions represent neither omissions nor a lack of understanding by the describing author, but gaps in the data available at printing time. Also, there is an inconsistency for species descriptions and their botanical drawings. First, not all species had completely available herbarium specimens to illustrate seedling, leaf, flower, fruit, and seed. Omissions for any species indicate the artist did not have that material. Second, there are additional botanical drawings that have no species descriptions. This material was available for illustrations but was not described. Perhaps these gaps are valuable, because they give researchers some perspective on what we know and what we do not know about a given species.

Nomenclature is current as of August 4, 2000, from Missouri Botanical Garden, TROPICOS.

This section is offered as a practical guide intended to provide useful information to collectors, handlers, seedsmen, and nursery managers. The reported data is always in the following order:

scientific name author name(s) and affiliation(s) family name synonyms common names occurrence growth habits geographic race and hybridization use

flowering and fruiting collection of fruits, cones, seeds extraction and cleaning storage pregermination treatments germination tests nursery practices seedling care additional information