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## Plant and Lichen Diversity in Temperate East Asia

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### **Message from the Guest Editors**

Advances in the molecular systematics of various plant groups have revealed that occurrences of the same species growing in Japan and Western Europe should at least be questioned. The process of splitting cryptogamic species, including bryophytes and lichens, is especially notable. Along with the achievements of molecular systematics, in recent years, “new” morphological features have become widespread. These have not previously attracted enough attention, but now make it possible to distinguish vicarious taxa. These achievements have led to some reports on floral diversity for even well-studied regions published in the 20th century to become out of date—a phenomenon fully applicable to the local and regional floras of temperate East Asia.

At the same time, innovations in taxonomy have given new life to floristic botany, forcing a new assessment of the genetic diversity and resource potential of the floras of various territories and causing a real renaissance in floristic research in recent years. We cordially invite all authors to publish research results on the taxonomic diversity and distribution patterns of plants and lichens in temperate East Asia.



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