

World Dictionary of Trees

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THE PROJECT

The «World Dictionary of Trees», **the first work of this kind in the world**, in five volumes (North America, South America, Eurasia, Africa, Oceania), will present information on the diversity of the trees of the world, their names, distribution, ecology, potential uses and threats of extinction.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE

The following elements are included for all species :

- Names (Latin, English, French, Spanish and others, including indigenous languages)
- Geographic distribution
- Height
- Foliage type
- Ecology
- Human uses
- Extinction risk

AUDIENCE

The dictionary addresses all persons interested in learning more about the trees of the world and particularly, the following specialists :

- Foresters
- Botanists
- Environmentalists
- Students at all levels
- Researchers
- Ecologists
- Linguists
- Translators

PROGRESS TO DATE

To date, a team of **more than 100 collaborators**, scattered across five continents, has compiled information on **40,000** of the **60,000** taxa estimated to be included in the world dendroflora. More than **8700** are computerized and available on Internet.



The web site presently includes only the North American trees with Latin names beginning with the letters A to Z.



THE NEXT STEPS

With adequate financial assistance, the team intend, during the next months, to :

- Publish the North America volume
- Complete the volume of South America



This will represent the first reference on the species diversity of the native trees of North and South America.

- The stage on South American trees will highlight the North-South element of the project

RESULTS TO DATE

Since the site was established, on January 6, 1998, approximately **600,000 files** have been exchanged, reaching **almost 600 requests per day**, from users in **123 countries of all continents**.

DIFFUSION

When the volume on North American trees is finalized, the dictionary will be published. Funds that will be generated will be reinvested to assure the continuation of the project. It is also envisioned that a site consultation fee will be charged.

THE INTERNET SITE

The maintenance and future development of the site will be assured by Dr. Miroslav M. Grandtner, coordinator of the project and Professor Pierre Laplante, web master, and by Laval University and the University of Quebec in Rimouski.

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