

Ferns of Uttarakhand

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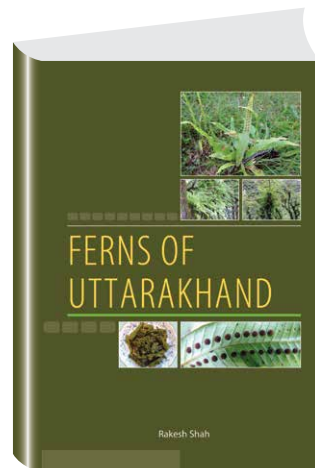
ABOUT THE BOOK

Ferns are very successful plants and grow on varied kind of habitats. Ferns are of little economic significance but has huge ecological value. Being the major constituent of biodiversity, their role in the ecological system cannot be neglected or overlooked in the global changing environmental scenario apart from the role ferns play in day-to-day activities of the local communities.

Uttarakhand Himalaya is rich in fern diversity and is considered as one of the most important phytogeographic regions of Indian Himalayan System.

The present book reveals the ferns present in the landscape of Uttarakhand. Species are placed in alphabetical order for the ease of the readers.

Numerous coloured photographs of live plants will make the identification of the ferns easy. The book also contains apart from scientific names, synonyms, hindi names, local names, sanskrit names, english names, medicinal uses, edible uses, other uses (including cultural, spiritual, magico-religious etc.) and the distribution in India and at global level.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr. Rakesh Shah is an IFS officer of Uttarakhand Cadre and belongs to 1984 batch. He has a vast experience of working in governmental, semi governmental organizations, corporations and boards. He is Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) and presently working as Chairman, Uttarakhand Biodiversity Board, which is an autonomous, statutory board created by the Uttarakhand government under the provisions of The Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

Dr. Shah is highly educated person with eleven degrees and diplomas to his credit. In 1994 he was awarded the prestigious "Indian Foresters Prize" for his contribution in the field of forest utilization for designing and developing "The Fuel Bricketing Machine". Also in 1999, he was awarded the "Best Plantation Prize" by the government of UP. There are six books and several scientific papers to his credit. A book named "Folk Medicines and Aromatic Plants of Uttaranchal" is also dedicated to him for his contribution in the field of medicinal plant conservation. Dr. Shah has also directed the preparation working plans of several forest divisions.

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