

the purpose and scope of the work, followed by an account of the nature of the flora, and special tips on how to make identifications of plant species. There are numerous black-and-white sketches illustrating vegetative, floral and fruiting structures and these are well labelled, making it easy to understand the terms used in describing the plants, while an extensive glossary adds to this feature.

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\*Wilbur H. Duncan and Leonard E. Foote. *Wildflowers of the Southeastern United States*. University of Georgia Press. April 28, 1975. 296 pages. \$12.00.

## NOTES AND NEWS

ENDANGERED SPECIES—The Smithsonian Institution's *Report on Endangered and Threatened Plant Species of the United States* has been presented to Congress and published by the Government Printing Office. Contained in the 200-page Report are lists of endangered, threatened, commercially exploited and recently extinct species of

the United States (including Alaska and Hawaii), as well as Recommendations for the preservation and protection of these species. Listings of endangered and threatened species arranged alphabetically by States are included. A limited number of complimentary copies of the Report are available, upon written request, from: Endangered Flora Project, Department of Botany, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560.—EDWARD S. AYENSU, CHAIRMAN, DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY.

BETULA UBER REFOUND.—After being lost to science for sixty-one years, and listed as extinct, *Betula uber* (Ashe) Fern. has been located in Smyth County, Virginia. Douglas W. Ogle reported the plant on August 23, 1975, and a comprehensive paper by him and Peter Mazzeo will be included in *Castanea* in a later issue. (Also see *Castanea* 39:3. p. 273. 1974)

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