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Front, L - R: *Rhododendron subsessile*, *Eria philippinensis*, and *Yushania niitakayamensis*.

Back, top to bottom, L - R: *Gnaphalium adnatum*, *Cirsium luzoniense*, *Miscanthus sinensis*, *Leucas mollissima*, *Juncus effusus*, *Begonia merrittii* and *Melastoma bensonii*.

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FOREWORD

The high biodiversity of the Philippines is known worldwide, and its documentation is badly needed in light of urgent calls for its conservation. This work must be done with unwavering dedication and persistence. On this matter, the Museum of Natural History, University of the Philippines Los Baños (MNH-UPLB) is trying its best to contribute. With funds generated through its visitors' program, the MNH has been publishing books and other materials aimed at pushing forward the frontiers of knowledge about Philippine biodiversity.

This book, "Spore- and Seed-Bearing Plants of Mount Pulag, Benguet, Philippines" is one of the MNH's contributions in furthering knowledge on the diversity of plants in one of the protected areas of the country. It presents 106 species under 91 genera and 51 families, along with beautiful photographs and useful information on their local and world distributions, and specific growing localities and elevation requirements.

The tireless efforts of the authors to have a scientific output and, at the same time, help the Museum of Natural History realize its objective of becoming a better center of research, documentation and education, make us all proud.



Augusto C. Sumalde
Director

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