



# Flora of Chamonix

John Ruskin

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- Facsimile pressed flower book - rare example of important botanical history
- Full scientific and art historical analysis by the two leading authorities
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Professors David Ingram and Stephen Wildman provide an introduction, illuminating essays and detailed notes and commentary on Ruskin's herbier.

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