



Flora of the Southern Western Ghats and Palnis

A Field Guide

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- This is an extremely useful field guide not only for the general readers and nature lovers, but also for students, teachers, and researchers in botany
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Contents: Preface; Acknowledgements; Introduction; Trees; Shrubs; Herbs; Line Drawings; Glossary; Bibliography; Indices – Trees, Shrubs, Herbs; Index.

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