USEFUL PLANT IDENTIFICATION LITERATURE

GENERAL:

R.K.Brummitt **Vascular Plant Families & Genera** **582 R**
This lists all the recognised genera of plants, and which family they belong to.

R.K.Brummitt **Authors of Plant Names** **581.014092 R**
This is a dictionary of all authors of plant names.

D.J.Mabberley **The Plant Book** **582 B**
A comprehensive Dictionary to flowering plant families, genera and many species.

Index Kewensis **REF 1**
This lists every plant name ever published. Now available in CD-ROM.

Index Londinensis **REF 1**
This lists all published illustrations of plant species up to 1935.

Smith **A Gardeners Dictionary of Plant Names** **581.01403 B**
Stearn's Dictionary of Plant Names for Gardeners **581.01403 B**
Two dictionaries which list translations or origins of Latin and common names .

Stearn **Botanical Latin** **581.014 B**
The source book for taxonomists, not a regular reference.

HORTICULTURAL Dictionaries /Encyclopaedias

European Garden Flora (6 volumes) **REF 2**
The best source for identifying a garden plant to species, but no cultivars are mentioned.

Royal Horticultural Society Dictionary of Gardening **REF 2**
This 4 volume set is useful, but not for identifying plants - there are virtually no keys.

The RHS **Plant Finder** (also now on CD-ROM) **REF 2**
This is the book to find where to get a particular plant, or how to spell its name, as well as synonymys etc.

Index to NCCPG collection holders **REF 2**
A list of all the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens collections.

W.J.Bean **Trees and shrubs hardy in the British Isles** **REF 2**
A five volume set with detailed descriptions. NB the combined usage of cv. and the cultivar name in inverted commas is completely wron.

P. Trehane **Index Hortensis** **582.12014 B**
A dictionary of cultivars. Only Vol.1. exists as yet, on Herbaceous Perennials.

Bailey & Bailey **Hortus Third** or **Manual of Cultivated Plants** **REF 1**
This is a single large volume of all cultivated plants in North America.

Pan Books: Photographic guides, mostly by Phillips and Rix:

Early Perennials	**635.932**
Late Perennials	**635.932**
Shrubs	**635.976**
The Bulb Book	**635.944**
Roses	**635.99** (Rosaceae)

INFORMATION ON IRISH CULTIVARS

Forrest, M. **Trees and shrubs cultivated in Ireland**. **635.97709415 B**

Nelson, E.C. **Glory of Donard** **635.969 (in library office)**
A history and index to all cultivars produced by the Slieve Donard Nursery, Co. Down (1904-1975)

Nelson, E.C. **Daisy Hill Nursery** **just published**
A history and index to all cultivars produced by the Daisy Hill Nursery, Newry (1886-1986)

Nelson, E.C. **Irish Cultivars** . **635.909417 B**

JOURNALS

The New Plantsman (formerly the Plantsman) **Journals**
The Garden **Journals**
Both these journals often have well illustrated articles on plant genera or species.

IRISH FLORA (wild)

C. Stace **New Flora of the British Isles** **581.9415 F**
This is almost too detailed, includes numerous alien species in Britain.

D.A.Webb **An Irish Flora** **581.9415 F**
Whilst a good book with good keys, it has no pictures, and is not the best for beginners.

Fitter, Fitter & Blamey **The Wild Flowers of Britain and Northern Europe** **Not in Library**
This is probably the best pocket-sized picture book for learning the Irish flora.

Blamey & Grey-Wilson **The illustrated flora of Britain and Northern Europe** **581.94 F**
The Coffee table version of the above.