

## **Review of Publication**

### **Atlas Florae Europaeae, volume 16, Rosaceae**

Volume 16 of Atlas Florae Europaeae was printed, treating part of the Rosaceae family, including genera with notorious difficult taxonomy. The problems are alien species coming up here and there, being misidentified or not noted, domestication and hybrids of wild and cultivated species and the missing of reliable data. Though the Atlas is a collaborative effort of a high number of botanists, fig. 1 gives a good impression of the gaps not possible to fill in and of the bad information level in some countries.

In general it is a race against time. Electronic media as GBIF deliver on the first sight comparable dot maps. But both – the printed and the electronic output – have their advantage and weakness. The data in the printed volume are checked and consolidated, classified (native / not native / extinct etc.) and based on a reliable taxonomy. The big weakness in comparison with electronic records, is the impossibility, to go back to the sources for each single dot in the map.

Anyway, this volume as the (still available) ones before is an essential part of each botanical library.

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