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Preface

The demand for landscaping is tremendous and there is never ending demand for this subject in Sri Lanka. However, unless appropriate plants are selected, even the best landscape design will not help plants to thrive in a particular site. Therefore, identification, selection and placement of right plants for the right place is an important consideration for all types of landscaping. However, many people still think that landscaping is just grow flowers. In fact, it is more than that.

Even though there are many books that are devoted to the landscaping, it seems to be a need for a textbook for this subject at intermediate level which dwells on the practical aspects of identification and selection of right plants for the right place in landscaping. This book is designed to meet that need in the higher education.

This text book is written for the undergraduates who are attending courses in Landscape Horticulture, specifically in the field of agriculture. In addition to that, this book could be interested in the postgraduates who follow the courses in Landscaping as well as the Landscape Architects who do not have fair knowledge about plant identification and selection.

This comprehensive practical guide offers all the aspects of plants selection and placement for landscaping as a single source of reference. The Book contains photographs of common trees, shrubs, herbs, vines and ornamental plants which can be used in landscaping with reference to the Sri Lankan context. In addition to that, this book has brought information on taxonomy and the uses of each plant in landscaping. Furthermore, the last chapter of the book explains the fundamental aspects of maintaining landscape in order to fulfill overall practical knowledge of the readers to handle any landscape project.

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