



Guide to the Autumn Flowers of Minnesota, Field and Garden (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from Guide to the Autumn Flowers of Minnesota, Field and Garden The chart on page ix is designed to show the general lines of descent of flowering plants from the ancestral ferns, and to indicate the relationships of the various orders. It is based primarily upon the development of the flower as a special organ for pollination and seed-production. Families with the simplest flowers, that is, those with the flowers least changed from the fruiting organs of the ferns, are placed at the bottom of the chart. Such families are found in the gymnosperms and in the buttercup order. The flowers of the former are wind-pollinated, and lack both calyx and corolla. The flowers of most buttercups, on the other hand, are pollinated by insects, and possess both calyx and corolla, or a showy calyx. These are regarded as the primitive or earliest type of flower of the angiosperms. From the specialization of these, in response to insect and wind pollination, have been derived the orders and families of the three lines of evolution shown in the chart. In detail, the primitive flower...



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