

Gingers of Cambodia, Laos & Vietnam

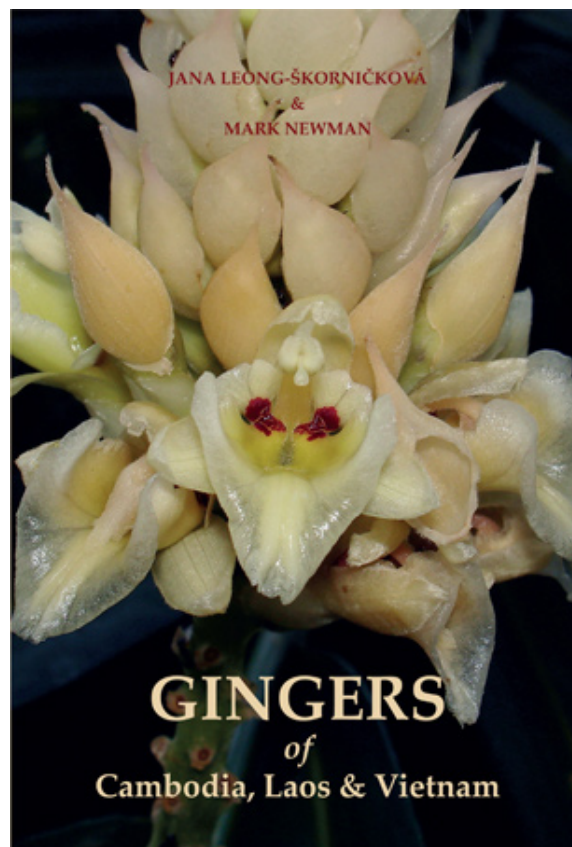
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"This book is a much-welcomed addition to information on the gingers of Southeast Asia. The authors, both world-recognized authorities on these glorious plants, combine their wealth of knowledge about gingers and their relatives in a highly accessible book that should prove useful to all interested in the natural history of this region. I will use it often."

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Gingers of Cambodia, Laos & Vietnam, written by ginger experts Dr Jana Leong-Škorníčková of Singapore Botanic Gardens and Dr Mark Newman of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, is the first guide showcasing the beauty and diversity of this economically and ecologically important plant family in these countries. Based on extensive fieldwork with local experts in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam from 1999 to 2014, this easy-to-use guide covers a wide range of topics in the introductory part of the book, and devotes a chapter to each of the 18 ginger genera so far recorded in Indochina. Diagnostic characters, a description and notes on habitat, distribution and uses of each genus are provided. Over 420 illustrations with a wealth of authoritative information make this guide the must-have practical reference work for everyone from amateurs to experts who is interested in these beautiful lush plants.

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