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PREFACE

I have read a description of textbooks as "those formidable fossilizers of misconceptions." As a textbook author, this caught my attention. I hope it is not true of me or this textbook, but it is an opinion worth considering.

Do textbooks fossilize misconceptions? Well, they come close to engraving certain ideas and theories in stone. I have always tried to ensure that the ideas I put into this textbook-through its many editions-are correct and will stand the test of time. One goal of authors, editors, publishers, and teachers is that a textbook should be as up-to-date as possible. This is risky: The newest observations, experimental results, and interpretations have not been widely repeated, verified, analyzed, or vetted to determine whether they are something new and important or are instead merely misinterpretations, errors, or exceptional cases that are not representative of most organisms. I would say that it is the duty of a textbook author to specifically avoid including the latest trendy, attention-grabbing tidbits that are in the spotlight at the moment the book is being written. It is our responsibility to give students solid, trustworthy, and reliable information. That means textbooks might always be a bit out-of-date, but the role of a textbook and its author is to give a student a solid foundation.

Another goal of a textbook and its author should be to emphasize how much we do not yet know. If a textbook were to give the impression that its contents were the complete and absolute truth, that would indeed be formidable and discouraging. A textbook is a means by which an author speaks to the newest members of a discipline and shares with them the



In the moist conditions of Victoria, British Columbia, this lichen grows rapidly enough to cover mosses and to exceed the formation and shedding of tree bark.

most important concepts and insights of that discipline, welcoming the readers into the discipline. It is important to convey to students that there is still much work left to be done. Research into plant biology is an ongoing process, and students need not fear that everything will have been done, everything will have been discovered, by the time they graduate.

Of course, an author cannot tell readers everything that is currently known; it is necessary to choose core concepts and to make generalizations. It is here where an author might cause a textbook to fossilize misconceptions. We present the most common, most representative cases, but other interesting and valid points are left out. During my years in college, I was bewildered to read certain "facts" that I knew first-hand were not true. For example, I grew up in the Great Basin Desert of eastern Washington State, and I knew that many outcrops of ancient lava were covered in mosses that lived in harsh sun, extreme drought and heat, with bitterly cold winters. But my textbook told me that mosses live in moist forests. The author had given mosses a description that was accurate for most but not all of them. But was that an unforgivable error by the textbook and its author? No. It allowed me to realize that I could take charge of my own education: the book gave me the basics and I could personally fill in some details and nuances. I hope that in this Seventh Edition-just like in all previous editions-I have emphasized diversity enough that students will realize they should keep an open mind and expect that variations often exist.

But just in case, let's clear up some botanical misconceptions and break some old fossils:

- 1. Mosses and ferns live in wet areas . . . and also in dry ones.
- 2. Lichens grow slowly . . . but in moist areas they grow rapidly, overwhelming mosses and liverworts.
- 3. Deserts are hot . . . and cold or in between.
- 4. Wood and bark are dead . . . but only after they die. They are alive while growing, differentiating, conducting. Living cells persist for years throughout sapwood and inner bark.
- 5. Mosses and ferns reproduce by spores as do all plants; there are no exceptions. The point is that mosses and ferns reproduce without seeds.
- 6. The tropics are warm, humid habitats in which life is easy . . . but plants adapted to tundra or deserts would find them stressful.
- 7. Textbooks are formidable fossilizers of misconceptions. I will let you decide.

-James D. Mauseth

THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

What's New?

We have made a few key improvements to the text as part of the *Seventh Edition*. As always, all of the content was thoroughly reviewed and updated as needed to reflect changes in the field of botany. Structurally, the major change was moving the chapter "Ethnobotany: Plants and People" forward to become Chapter 3, and so we have created a new Part 1 called "Welcome to Botany." The boxed features have always been popular with both students and instructors, so we have added a new type of box, *Thinking About Thinking*. These boxes are designed to emphasize critical-thinking skills such as evidence-based decision making, clean sheet thinking, etc. Other new boxes have been added as well for a total of 20 new features. Almost all of the At the Next Level features have been expanded with new topics as well.

The Student Experience

Botany: An Introduction to Plant Biology, Seventh Edition was designed with the student in mind and is packed full of features and elements to help engage, elaborate, and enhance the learning experience.

PART OPENING INTRODUCTIONS Each of the book's five parts is introduced by a brief summary of all the chapters in that part. These opening introductions tie together the main themes and show how botany is a unified science, not just a body of facts to memorize.

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES Every chapter opens with a list of learning objectives that allow students to review the important concepts they will encounter in the chapter. Students should review this list prior to digging into the chapter to help guide their focus. As they progress through the material they should periodically flip back to the Learning Objectives to ensure they are fully grasping that chapter's key botanical concepts.



Cell Structure

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After reading this chapter, students will be able to: Describe the benefits and negative consequences of unicellular nd multicellular organization.

- Summarize the composition of membranes.
- List the properties of membranes.
- Name the two basic cell types.
- Recall and define the 15 organelles found in plants.
- Identify the components of plant cell walls. Describe two communication methods of multicellular
- organisms

Did You Know?

- All organisms are composed of cells.
 The bodies of some algae consist of just a single cell but all plants have multicellular bodies. Giant trees contain trillions of cells.
 Many cells must be alive to be functional (e.g., cells that photosynthesize or transport sugar), whereas others must be dead (such as cells that conduct water or make up the shells of muts).
- Some plant cells are large enough to be seen with the naked eye; examples are the finest strands composing cotton thread and the filaments along the torn edge of paper.

CHAPTER 4 OUTLINE

Concept

- Membranes Membranes - Composition of Membranes - Properties of Membranes Basic Cell Types
- Plant Cells Protoplasm Endoplasmic Reticulum
- Plasma Dictyosomes Microbodies Membrane
- Nucleus - Central
- Cytosol Microtubules Vacuole
- Microfilaments Cytoplasm Storage
- Mitochondria Products Plastids
- Cell Wall Riboso
- Fungal Cells Associations of Cells

Box 4-1 Alternatives: Unusual Cells Box 4-2 Plants Do Things Differently:

- Calcium: Strong Bones, Strong Teeth, but Not Strong Plants Box 4-3 Botany and Beyond: The Metric
- System and Geometric Aspects of *cells*

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DID YOU KNOW? This "fun fact" style feature opens every chapter and illuminates the direct application of plants to students' lives. This list of interesting facts stimulates curiosity of the fascinating botanical world around us, making plant biology more accessible and relevant to students.

The Student Experience

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Plants Do Things Differently

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BOX 4-2 Calcium: Strong Bones, Strong Teeth, but Not Strong Plants

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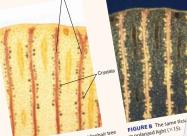


FIGURE A Aleaf clearing of maidenhair tree (Ginkgo), showing several red-stained leaf veins that conduct sugars out of the leaf. Such veins are the targets of aphids and other sucking insects (×15).

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PLANTS DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY BOXES

Retained by popular demand, these boxes help students understand and compare plant biology with human biology. Having an understanding of human biology, students might assume they are misunderstanding what they are reading about plants—plant biology seems too different from their own metabolism. This feature reassures students that they are understanding their reading correctly. Plants really are doing things very differently from the way we do them.

PLANTS AND PEOPLE BOXES These boxes

discuss ways in which plants and people influence each other. Some plants influence people by producing poisonous or irritating compounds; others produce food, medicine, and beauty. In the other direction, human activities influence plants either directly by habitat destruction and the farming of "wastelands" or by producing acid rain and global climate change.

Plants and People

BOX 7-1 Leaves, Food, and Death

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BOTANY AND BEYOND BOXES

Modernized to suit a new generation of learners, the popular Botany and Beyond boxes elaborate on subjects that, although not essential to the study of botany, help make the material more relevant and accessible.



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THINKING ABOUT THINKING BOXES

Learning the material for any given topic is naturally the focus of most courses, but it is just as important for students to learn how to think critically and logically so that they can continue to learn after the course is over. This is a new feature for the Seventh Edition.

At the Next Level

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It is difficult to define a plant. It is more important to develop a familiarity with plants and understand how they differ from animals, fungi, protists, and prokary-ores. The differences are presented in later chapters.
 The scientific method requires that all information be gathered through documented, repeatable observations and experiments. It rejects any concept that can never tested and be consistent with all relevant observations. It is based on skepticism.

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BOX 8-2 Designing Experiments: Parachutes Don't Increase the Survival Rate of People Who Jump Out of Airplanes

Do you believe that roots really absorb water and minerals from the soil? Could you design an experiment to prove you belief? Be careful, because as you might guess, I am leading wat into a term

The first part of my trap is the word "believe" It seems asonable that roots do absorb water and minerals, but to we "believe" they do means that we have already reached conclusion before we have even designed an experiment, at to mention that we haven't obtained results yet. It is bet-to say we "strongly subject" that roots absorb water and increak, or "that it seems highly likely" they do. Remem-in, keeping an open mind—skepticism—is a fundamental incipe of the scientific method. On the basis of a great deal reserved that gave consistent results many people believed at DAA was the universal information storage molecule life. But then it was discovered that some viruses that you into a trap. The first part of my trap is the word "believe." It seems

to give us exactly this result. In fact, the experiment has been performed.¹ A group of people were selected, and then some of them—chosen at random—received good, func-tional parachutes, whereas the others received empty back-packs. All people then did in fact jump out of airplanes the survival rate over jumping without a parachute the survival was 100% for both groups. To say the least, that is an unexpected result until you learn that the airplanes were parked on the ground, not moving at all when the people jumped out of them. This experiment was designed with storing bias in order to produce a desired result. It was not usingli to ground information that would be useful to someone flying in an airplane. This experiment was obviously meant to be a humorous teaching tool, but we must be careful not to introduce similar

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• AT THE NEXT LEVEL This feature closes every chapter and provides opportunities for students to expand their understanding of the key botanical concepts they just learned. Most of these have had new topics added for the Seventh Edition. This feature is especially helpful for higher-level botany courses and biology majors.

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REVIEW QUESTIONS These questions have been designed to act as a study guide, to lead students to the most important points, and to focus students' efforts on mastering the most significant concepts.

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REVIEW QUESTIONS

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- i. Your present concept of plants is probably quite accurate. Most have roots, stems, leaves, and dowers. Can you name two plants that have cones rather than dowers? Can you name a plant that appears to not have 2.
- leaves? Name two types of fungi. Why were fungi originally included in the plant kingdom? Biologists no longer consider fungi to be plants because they differ in many basic_______and________and_______

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PRONUNCIATION GUIDE Previously part of the front matter, the Pronunciation Guide has been moved to the end of the book near the glossary for easy reference. Students can feel confident that they are correctly pronouncing certain botanical words such as xylem, allele, and Rosaceae.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE abiotic . AY bye otic. abscisic (acid) . . . • or ay bye AH tic ab SIZE ick aceae calyces · · · · or ab SIZ ick (SIZ as in sizzle) KAY li sees AY see ee actinomorphic ack tin oh MORE fick calyx • or KAL i sees KAY licks candelilla · can del EE yuh · · · a DEN oh seen . · . adventitious capsaicin ···· (a as in adverse) ad ven TI shush . cap SAY sin caryopses allele al EEL . . . carry OP sees cation . (the final e is silent; allelochemic . . CAT eye on chamaesyce. not al EEL ee) al eel oh KEM ick allelopathy charophyte cam ee SIGH see al EEL oh pathy.... chiasma ... KAR oh fight androecia. or al eel oh PATH ee an droh EE see uh key AHS muh androecium. chitin an droh EE see um chlamydospore... KAI tin angiosperm klam IH doh spoar AN gee oh sperm angiospermous cilia an gee oh SPERM us SILLY uh anion cilium AN eye on ... SILL ee um anisogamy. circadian. AN eye so gam ee.... ···· (not AN yun) antheridia . . sur KAY di un CITES . or an eye SAW gam ee anther ID ee uh sight ease antheridiophore coenocyte . . anther ID ee oh for SEEN oh sight antheridium coenzyme. anther ID ee um KOH en zyme antipodal. coevolution. an TI poad uhl. koh ev ol OU shun coleoptile. . AP oh more fee...... (ap as in apple) · (poad like road) coal ee OP tile collenchyma A po plast . kol EN kim uh crista . m... ar key bact IR ee um · (a as in adverse) CHRIS tah cristae arch eh GON ee uh CHRIS tee cuticle. arch eh GON ee oh four KIU tih kl cutin arch eh GON ee um cytokinesis. KIU tin sight oh kai NEE sis ÂIK III cytokinin sight oh KAI nin ass ko MY seats dibiontic. ass ko my SEAT ease dye bye ON tik dichotomous. dye KOT oh mus y TACT oh steel dicot. DYE kot dioecious . oh neam dye EE shus id ee oh MY seats · (nean dioecv ee oh my SEAT ease domatium dye EE cy endophyte. doe MAY shum . END oh fight ick epiphyte EPI fiaht eudicot . (troph as eukaryote you DIE kot oaf)

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GLOSSARY

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A channel The groove in the ribosome small subunit in which the free amino acid-carrying (RNA occurs. Alter-native P channel. 16 native: P channel. 16 A borizon The uppermost soil layer, the zone of leaching, 25 abarizon The uppermost soil layer, the zone of leaching, 25 abarized in the lateral organs of a shoot (e.g., leaves, pet-most in the surface that was farther from the shoot apex while the organ was forming: the abaxial surface is typi-cally the lower surface of the mature organ. Alternative: adaxial. 7

adaxial.⁷ **ABC model of flowers** A model that proposes that basic flower organization is controlled by three genes. If only gene A is active, sepals are produced; A and B produce pet-als; B and C produce stamens; and if C acts alone, carpels are produced. 15 **abialoeical reoroductive harrier** Anv nhvsical. nonliving

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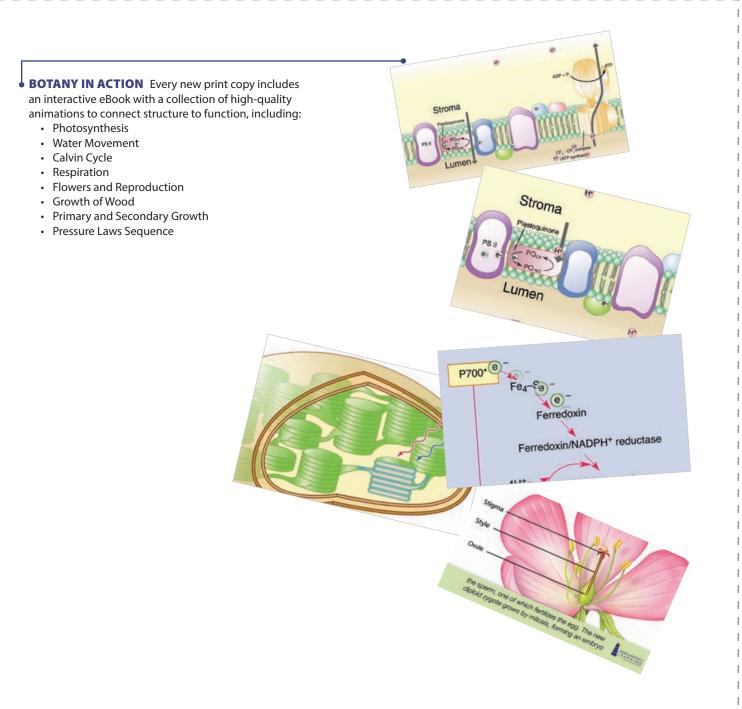
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