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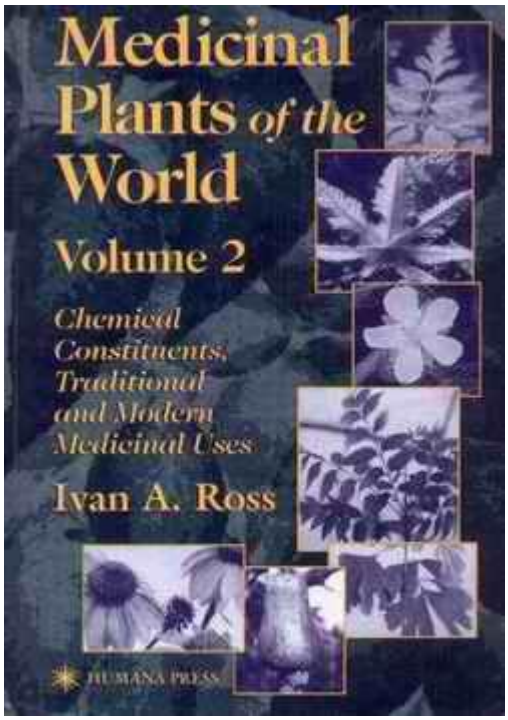
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This time we selected several titles for featured reviews. The first title was *Handbook of Autopsy Practice* which has been published at page 2. The second title selected for featured reviews this time was *Medicinal Plants of the World* (Vol 2): *Chemical Constituents, Traditional and Modern Medicinal Uses* by Ivan A. Ross. *Volume 1 of this excellent book has already been reviewed in Vol 4, No. 2 (July - December 2003), and can be accessed by clicking here.*

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2: Of little interest
3: Of some interest
4: Slightly below average
5: Average

6: Slightly above average
7: Good
8: Very Good
9: Excellent
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Review 2 by Sivaloganathan, UK

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