



Preface

An attractive urban landscape is a key feature of many modern cities. Plants and gardens enable many of the fundamental needs of life in cities to be met. Green planted areas provide environmental balance, improve micro-climatic conditions and reduce pollution. They enhance the aesthetic value of urban areas and create opportunities for social interaction between the city's residents.

Over the last three decades, the High Commission has focused on natural areas, landscaping and the expansion of parks and gardens. The areas of the Diplomatic Quarter, King Abdulaziz Historical Center, Wadi Hanifah, Thumamah Park and others highlight the importance given by the High Commission, to the concept of open green space being an integral component of comprehensive development projects.

This reference Manual, which focuses on plants most well adapted and suitable for the climate and urban environment of Arriyadh, has been published for the assistance of designers and landscape professionals, but also for citizens and all interested people to assist them in relation to their houses and private gardens.

In addition, the High Commission has conducted scientific research on the nature of native plants suited to natural areas and their cultivation. The results of ongoing research would be available to all as part of the High Commission's commitment to the publication and dissemination of scientific and practical knowledge for all interested people both in government or private agencies and the general public.

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