

Classification of East African Crops book is Launched

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It is important to know plants that can be consumed both by man and mammals. This was conveyed during Professor John Kokwaro's book launch on October 24, 2014.

Prof. John Kokwaro launched the second edition of *Classification of East African Crops*. The book which aims to give insight on **plants that can be found in East Africa**: in Kenya, Uganda as well as Tanzania, has borrowed extensively from Prof. Kokwaro's vast knowledge in Taxonomy and Ecology.

While donating 34 of the books launched to public universities, Prof Kokwaro challenged the need to know plants for consumption as well as those that should not be consumed. He added that his book would improve personal knowledge on the type of plants that one can have in their garden. "Because I am a medic, I know which plants I should watch out for in my garden," he added. The author, Prof. Kokwaro, who has **46 years** teaching experience in the fields of Plant Taxonomy and Economy Botany, **dedicated his book** to the late [Prof. David Wasawo](#) and Prof. Odhiambo, renowned professors at the College of Biological and Physical Sciences.

Prof. Kokwaro has researched and published over ten books in Plant Taxonomy and Economy Botany. He has also mentored many science students. In addition, he has tagged all trees at [University of Nairobi](#) (UoN) main campus in a project he embarked on, dubbed ***Botanical walk through UoN***. In the project, he tagged trees indicating both specie and taxonomy names. He is currently a professor at the [School of Biological Sciences](#).

Prof. Mbithi, [Deputy Vice Chancellor Administration and Finance](#), Prof. Mutoro, Deputy Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs and Mr. Joshat Kirimania, University of Nairobi Press editor, were among distinguished guests who graced the event.