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Guide to the

**Introduction to botany [manuscript sketchbook] / by E. Beecroft,
Lowestoft**

1823

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Summary

Creator: Beecroft, E.

Title: Introduction to botany [manuscript sketchbook] / by E. Beecroft, Lowestoft

Date: 1823

Size: 1 volume (135 manuscript pages; 92 total leaves)

Abstract: E. Beecroft of Lowestoft could not be identified. Botanical sketchbook containing the notes and illustrations of E. Beecroft, identified in a pencil note on the title page as "Mrs. Beecroft." The text opens with a five-page and two-line guide to Linnean taxonomy copied from Priscilla Wakefield's Introduction to Botany, followed by twenty-one lines on the pleasures of nature, apparently by Beecroft herself. The bulk of the volume is composed of a series of carefully-rendered full-page pencil and watercolor illustrations of plant specimens (28 in all), followed by manuscript identifications and descriptions. A forty-eight page alphabetical list of plants, including Latin and (when possible) English names, is at the back.

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Key Terms

Subjects

Botany -- England -- Lowestoft

Plants -- Nomenclature

Plants -- Pictorial works

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Drawings (visual works)

Watercolors (paintings)

Names

Diboll, Joseph William

Wakefield, Priscilla, 1751-1832