The need for the present study was felt due to recent worldwide interest in Wild Life (Flora and Fauna). India is known to possess rich flora and fauna. The Wild Life existing in the National Parks and Wild Life Sanctuaries is subject to more biotic factors than that existing in remote and inaccessible forest areas. Influx of tourists and process of management by administrators are factors existing only in the former habitats. Our country has about 125 National Parks and Wild Life Sanctuaries. Reports are available generally about the animals available in the area but information on plants is very meagre. This prompted the author to undertake detailed studies on two major Wild Life reserves of Assam namely Kaziranga and Manas.

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