

ARTIST BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD

Artist name: Bally, Peter René Oscar

City and country of birth: Mannheim, Baden

Residence: Switzerland

Education:

Studied chemistry and natural history at the universities of Geneva, Munich, and Zurich.

Career:

Ethno-botanical studies and native medicinal plant collection in northern Tanzania, 1933-1937

Botanist and Head of the Herbarium of the Coryndon Memorial (now National) Museum in Nairobi, Kenya, 1938-1958

Researcher, Conservatoire Botanique de l'Université de Genève, Geneva, since 1958

Artwork medium:

Watercolor

Pen and ink

Work reproduced in (*publications the artist was commissioned to illustrate or works authored by the artist*):

- Bally, P.R.O. Heil-und Giftpflanzen der Eingeborenen von Tanganyika. Berlin, Fedde's Verlag, 1938.
- "East African Succulents" in J. East African Nat. Hist. Soc., vols. 1-6, 1940-1946.
- The genus Monadenium. A monographic study. Bern, Benteli Verlag, 1961.
- More than 40 botanical treatments and color plates in Flowering Plants of Africa, vols. 25-38 (1946-1967).
- Jex-Blake, A.S. Gardening in eastern Africa. Ed. 4. London, Longmanns Green, [1957].

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Specialty: Taxonomic botanist and botanical artist. While the majority of his botanical illustrations are in watercolor, he works with equal facility with pen and ink.

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