



**Joint meeting to celebrate the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of John Ray's  
Catalogue of Cambridge Plants, 1660: the first English "County  
Flora"**

**Cambridge University Library: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2010**

The Society for the History of Natural History will be hosting an event at Cambridge University Library on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2010 to celebrate the publication by the Ray Society of the English translation of John Ray's *Catalogus plantarum circa Cantabrigiam nascentium*, originally published by John Field in Cambridge in 1660. This is the first English "County flora" as well as being the first of Ray's many published works.

Unlike the 1975 translation by A.H. Ewen and C.T. Prime, this publication will include the entire 1660 *Catalogue* and the short 1663 and 1685 *Appendices*, giving a complete text and with the addition of the modern equivalents to Ray's plant names. Philip Oswald and Chris Preston have been translating and editing the *Catalogus* and it is hoped that their book will be published in time for the meeting.

This will be a one day event, with an associated exhibition.

Potential speakers on John Ray, the history of pre-Linnaean botany and related subject areas are asked to contact the Society for the History of Natural History Meetings Secretary, Gina Douglas, via e-mail: [meetings@shnh.org.uk](mailto:meetings@shnh.org.uk) or by post to G. Douglas (SHNH), 23 Jeffreys Road, SW4 6QU with a brief outline of their proposal.