



Wildflower Field Guides -- North America (by region)

National Wildlife Federation Field Guide to Wildflowers of North America

David M. Brandenburg and Craig Tufts

With more than 2,200 species of wildflowers and 4,019 color photographs, this volume provides the common and scientific names for each flower family; information on the flowering season; leaf, stalk, and blossom descriptions, with measurements; and color range maps of more than 700 species for both native and introduced types. The identification key is arranged by color and shape.

Newcomb's Wildflower Guide

Lawrence Newcomb

This book's identification key utilizes five questions (related to the type of plant and the structure of its petals and leaves). Line drawings face each description of the plant's basic structural features.

National Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Wildflowers: Eastern Region

National Audubon Society

More than 940 color images show the wildflowers of eastern North America close-up and in their natural habitats. Images are grouped by flower color and shape and keyed to descriptions. Covers states east of the Rocky Mountains.

Wildflowers of the Eastern United States

Wilbur H. Duncan and Marion B. Duncan

Illustrated with over 600 color photographs, this guide describes more than 1,100 wildflowers that can be found east of the Mississippi—including forbs, grasses, rushes, and sedges. More than 700 of these species also are found west of the Mississippi. The text includes both common and scientific names. The descriptions and color photographs provide the most easily recognizable characteristics necessary for positive identification of each species. A glossary and line drawings define and illustrate botanical terminology, and the authors provide a brief guide to plant structure. Describes range, blooming season, and typical habitat for each species.

A Field Guide to Wildflowers: Northeastern / North-central North America (Peterson Field Guide)
Margaret McKenny and Roger Tory Peterson

Grouped by color and by plant characteristics, 1,293 species in 84 families are described and illustrated. Included here are the flowers you're most likely to encounter in the eastern and north-central U.S., westward to the Dakotas and southward to North Carolina and Arkansas, as well as the adjacent parts of Canada.

Wildflowers in the Field and Forest: A Field Guide to the Northeastern United States
Steven Clemants and Carol Gracie

The book features two-page spreads with descriptive text and range maps on one side facing pages of color photos on the other. Plants are grouped by flower color. The species are subsequently grouped by petal arrangement, type of leaves, and number of flower parts as indicated in the "quick characters" box at the top of each page. There is also a simple key in the beginning of the book that allows one to quickly narrow the search to a few pages. In addition to the more common and conspicuous wildflowers, many of the lesser known, and often overlooked, species are also depicted. Color photos generally show the flowers of the plant, while insets of leaves (and occasionally fruits) are often included to help in identification. A bar on each photo allows users to accurately judge the actual size of each flower. For the northeastern United States, including New England, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, with additional coverage of adjacent areas in eastern Canada.

New England Wildflowers: A Guide to Common Plants (A Falcon Guide)
Frank Kaczmarek

The book features more than 300 color photographs and detailed descriptions of common wildflowers and flowering plants found in Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.

Wildflowers of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont

Alan Bessette, Arleen R. Bessette, William K. Chapman, Valerie A. Chapman
The field guide contains over 350 photographs and descriptions.

Wildflowers of Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island in Color

William K. Chapman, Valerie A. Chapman, Alan E. Bessette, Arleen R. Bessette, Philippa Brown
Combining 400 color photographs—along with color illustrations—this guide book offers descriptions of commonly encountered, rare, and even protected species not seen in other guides. The authors provide keys to each species based on observable characteristics of color, flower shape, and leaf arrangement.

Spring Wildflowers of New England

Marilyn J. Dwelley

With over 470 colored drawings, this guide has listings with descriptions of the flower and leaves, as well as information on range, habitat, and growth habits. Latin names, common names, and family are included.

Summer & Fall Wildflowers of New England

Marilyn J. Dwelley

Each listing includes a description, as well as details about range, growth habits, and habitat. The book includes Latin names and families, in addition to common names, and more than 700 color illustrations. Flowers are organized by bloom color.

Plants of the Chesapeake Bay: A Guide to Wildflowers, Grasses, Aquatic Vegetation, Trees, Shrubs, and Other Flora

Lytton John Musselman and David A. Knepper

Written by wetland scientists with experience in the Bay's waterways, this guide includes descriptions and photographs of the plants (grasses, trees, wildflowers, and aquatic vegetation) most commonly found in the Chesapeake Bay. The field guide includes over 200 illustrations with information on more than 100 species of plants. Each plant description is accompanied by close-up photographs to assist with identification. The plants are organized by habitat.

An Illustrated Guide to Eastern Woodland Wildflowers and Trees: 350 Plants Observed at Sugarloaf Mountain, Maryland

Melanie Choukas-Bradley and Tina Thieme Brown

This volume is an illustrated guide to 350 eastern woodland wildflowers and trees found at Sugarloaf Mountain, Maryland. Many of these plants also thrive across a wide region of the eastern United States and Canada. The plants are grouped by family, so that the observer will learn to anticipate the presence of certain plants based on an understanding of their family characteristics. The text describes each plant's flower, leaf, and growth habit, gives its ideal habitat and range, describes similar species that might be confused with the plant, and gives an herbal history where applicable. The guide includes a key organized by flower structure and leaf arrangement, an illustrated glossary of frequently used botanical terms, and nearly 400 detailed pen-and-ink drawings for plant identification.

Central Appalachian Wildflowers: A Field Guide to Common Wildflowers of the Central Appalachian Mountains, Including Shenandoah National Park, the Catskill Mountains, and the Berkshire Mountains (A Falcon Guide)

Barbara Medina and Victor Medina

This guide features 264 species of wildflowers found in the Appalachian Mountains from Massachusetts to northern Virginia. It includes color photographs, line drawings, and descriptions.

Wildflowers of the Shenandoah Valley and Blue Ridge Mountains

Oscar W. Gupton and Fred C. Swope

The book covers 285 species of wildflowers, organized by color. The wildflowers are shown one per page with color photographs.

Appalachian Wildflowers

Thomas E. Hemmerly

This field guide covers the wildflowers of the Appalachian region, which stretches from Quebec to northern Alabama, encompassing the Catskills of New York, the Berkshires of Massachusetts, the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee, and many mountain ranges in between. It includes 378 color plates for wildflowers—grouped by color. Each entry includes a description of the plant's habitat, abundance, and geographical distribution, along with information about its ethnobotanical, economic, or medicinal uses.

Wildflowers & Plant Communities of the Southern Appalachian Mountains & Piedmont

Timothy P. Spira

This field guide serves as an introduction to the wildflowers and plant communities of the southern Appalachians and the rolling hills of the adjoining piedmont. Rather than organizing plants, including trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants, by flower color or family characteristics, the author takes a holistic, ecological approach that enables the reader to identify and learn about plants in their natural communities. Color photo keys allow the reader to preview plants found within each of the 21 major plant communities described, and the illustrated species description for each of the 340 featured plants includes information about the ecology and natural history of each plant in its larger environment.

Atlantic Coastal Plain Wildflowers: A Guide to Common Wildflowers of the Coastal Regions of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Northeastern Florida (A Falcon Guide)

Gil Nelson

This guide to wildflowers of the savannas, pinelands, and hardwood forests of the Atlantic Coastal Plain features detailed descriptions and color photos of more than 300 plants, an introduction to the area's habitats and ecology, a glossary of botanical terms, and a primer on plant characteristics.

Common Plants of the Mid-Atlantic Coast: A Field Guide

Gene M. Silberhorn

This is a field guide to the plants found along the coast from Long Island Sound to North Carolina's barrier islands. The three sections of the book correspond to the natural divisions of

the landscape: Section One covers beaches, dunes, and marine forests; Section Two includes salt and brackish marshes; and Section Three reviews plants found in tidal and non-tidal freshwater wetlands. Each section begins with an introduction describing the characteristics of the area and the flora to be found there. Individual plant entries follow. Illustrations accompany facing page descriptions that aid in identification and provide background information. The key helps readers identify plants in the field according to physical features.

Wildflowers of the Coastal Plain: A Field Guide, Includes the Lower Mississippi River Valley, Gulf, and Atlantic Coastal States

Ray Neyland

The field guide provides information on 535 species of herbaceous plants, vines, and shrubs inhabiting the coastal plain which extends from southeast Texas eastward to Florida and includes the Mississippi River flood plain (from southern Illinois to the Gulf of Mexico). The coastal plain embraces all but the southern tip of the Florida peninsula and proceeds up the eastern seaboard into southern New Jersey and includes parts of Long Island and Cape Cod. This guide catalogs the native flora as well as the naturalized species found throughout the far-flung but unified coastal plain. Each entry includes a color photograph of the wildflower in its natural setting, the plant's scientific and common names, and a description of the species, including its range and blooming time. Some entries describe modern and historical applications for the plants--such as use by Native Americans for food or medicine--and mention closely related species to prevent confusion in identification. The volume's simplified glossary and a series of line drawings explain essential botanical terms. It uses a dichotomous key for plant identification.

Everglades Wildflowers: A Field Guide to Wildflowers of the Historic Everglades, including Big Cypress, Corkscrew, and Fakahatchee Swamps (A Falcon Guide)

Roger L. Hammer

This guide features color photographs of 300 common wildflowers from Everglades National Park and the Corkscrew, Big Cypress, and Fakahatchee Swamps. Descriptions and line art aid the reader in identifying plants in the field.

East Gulf Coastal Plain Wildflowers: A Field Guide to the Wildflowers of the East Gulf Coastal Plain, including Southwest Georgia, Northwest Florida, Southern Alabama, Southern Mississippi, and Parts of Southeastern Louisiana (A Falcon Guide)

Gil Nelson

This guide to the common wildflowers found in the Gulf Coastal region of Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Alabama features 300 color photographs. Plant descriptions and line art aid in plant identification. Each species description is accompanied by a "Comments" section giving lore about the plant, its uses, or its name.

Wildflowers of Wisconsin and the Great Lakes Region: A Comprehensive Field Guide

Merel R. Black and Emmet J. Judziewicz

This is a guide to wildflowers in Wisconsin and parts of Minnesota, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and Ontario. It includes more than 1,100 species from 459 genera in 100 families, with 2,100 color photographs, 300 drawings and descriptions including distinguishing characteristics of the species.

Tallgrass Prairie Wildflowers 2: A Field Guide to Common Wildflowers and Plants of the Prairie Midwest (A Falcon Guide)

Doug Ladd

This guide enables identification of hundreds of tallgrass prairie plants (organized by bloom color). It is revised and updated to reflect trends in conservation and plant identification.

Wildflowers of the Tallgrass Prairie: The Upper Midwest

Sylvan T. Runkel and Dean M. Roosa

Each species account is accompanied by a full-page color photograph. The text provides common, scientific, and family names; the Latin or Greek meaning of the scientific names; habitat and blooming times; and a complete description of plant, flower, and fruit. Plants are arranged in order of bloom time.

Ozark Wildflowers (A Falcon Guide)

Don Kurz

This book contains color photos, easy-to-understand descriptions, and interesting facts on 355 wildflowers frequently encountered in the Ozarks. The wildflowers are arranged by color and season of bloom.

Ozark Wildflowers

Thomas Ellsworth Hemmerly

Covering approximately 50,000 square miles, the Ozarks is an upland region that spans four states--Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Illinois. This field guide identifies more than 600 species of Ozark flowering plants, with color photographs. The plants are organized primarily by color and secondarily by the grand group—monocot or dicot—to which they belong.

Mojave Desert Wildflowers: A Field Guide to Wildflowers, Trees, and Shrubs of the Mojave Desert, including the Mojave National Preserve, Death Valley National Park, and Joshua Tree National Park (A Falcon Guide)

Pam MacKay

The Mojave Desert eco-region extends from eastern California to northwestern Arizona, southern Nevada, and southwestern Utah. Species are arranged by color and plant family for identification. This guide features 300 species, color photographs, descriptions, information on bloom season, and interesting facts about each plant.

Canyon Country Wildflowers: A Field Guide to Common Wildflowers, Shrubs, and Trees

Damian Fagan

This field guide covers flora of the canyonlands region of the southwestern U.S. Four-corners area. There are color photographs and descriptions which help identify 190 of the most commonly found wildflowers, shrubs, and trees.

Wildflowers of the Western Plains: A Field Guide

Zoe Merriman Kirkpatrick

Organized by plant family, the guide presents 186 species of wildflowers, accompanied by color photographs. Each entry includes both the Latin and the common names and a description of the plant, flower, fruit, and range. As a special feature, the guide includes Native American botanical folklore, legends pertaining to the wildflowers, and medicinal uses of native plants. The western plains stretch from western Texas and eastern New Mexico up through Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana, the Dakotas and into Canada.

A Field Guide to Southwestern and Texas Wildflowers (Peterson Field Guides)

Theodore F. Niehaus, Roger Tory Peterson, Virginia Savage, Charles L. Ripper

This guide—covering 1,505 species of wildflowers—groups flowers by color and plant characteristics for matching of pictures with specimens. It includes wildflower descriptions.

National Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Wildflowers: Western Region

Richard Spellenberg

The field guide includes more than 1,000 species, with notes on more than 400 others. The 700 identification photographs show wildflowers—including grasses and sedges, and many flowering vines and shrubs. This book covers the Rocky Mountain range and all the states to the west of it.

Weeds of the West

Larry C. Burrill, Steven A. Dewey, David W. Cudney, B.E. Nelson

This guide focuses on identifying weeds in Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. It contains over 900 color photographs showing the early growth stages, mature plants and features for positive identification of each weed discussed. The guide describes weed species from parsley to sunflower in the Western United States. Descriptions, habitats and characteristics of each plant are included.

Northwest Weeds: The Ugly and Beautiful Villains of Fields, Gardens, and Roadsides

Ronald J. Taylor

Describes and illustrates the prominent and ever-present weeds of the northwestern United States and adjacent Canada. Color photographs and the accompanying text emphasize the weeds' identifying characteristics. The book includes information on the origin, distribution, aggressiveness, and edibility of each weed.

Sonoran Desert Wildflowers: A Field Guide to the Common Wildflowers of the Sonoran Desert, including Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, Saguaro National Park, Organ Pipe National Monument, Ironwood Forest National Monument, and the Sonoran Portion of Joshua Tree National Park (A Falcon Guide)

Richard Spellenberg

This field guide covers wildflowers of North America's most biologically diverse desert, which straddles the Gulf of California between the Baja Peninsula and northwestern Sonora and stretches north into California and Arizona. Descriptions and color photos of more than 300 plants with flowers are arranged by color. Each species account has common and scientific names of the species and family, defining characteristics, flowering season, and the habitat/range (including altitude).

Great Basin Wildflowers: A Guide to Common Wildflowers of the High Deserts of Nevada, Utah, and Oregon (A Falcon Guide)

Laird R. Blackwell

The guide provides detailed descriptions and photos of more than 300 plants, organized by color and family. It includes plant lists for four areas—Steens Mountain (northern Great Basin), Peavine Mountain (western Great Basin), White Mountains (southern Great Basin), and Great Basin National Park (eastern Great Basin).

Wildflowers of the Eastern Sierra and Adjoining Mojave Desert and Great Basin

Laird R. Blackwell

376 species are organized by elevation zone, flower color and petal number. Each species accounts features a color header bar, close-up and habitat photographs, a plant description, name origins, habitat information, viewing locations and blooming season.

Tahoe Wildflowers: A Month-by-Month Guide to Wildflowers in the Tahoe Basin and Surrounding Areas (A Falcon Guide)

Laird R. Blackwell

With color photography and identifying descriptions, this is a guide to nearly 300 of the most common wildflowers of the Lake Tahoe region, organized by the month in which they are most likely to bloom.

Sierra Nevada Wildflowers

Elizabeth L. Horn

This guide covers more than 300 wildflower species in the Sierra's landscape. The color photographs face the text. The book also contains an illustrated glossary and a section on identifying Sierra Nevada conifers.

A Field Guide to Rocky Mountain Wildflowers: Northern Arizona and New Mexico to British Columbia (Peterson Field Guide)

Ray J. Davis, Frank C. Craighead, John Craighead, Eduardo Salgado, Grant O. Hagen
This guide describes 590 species, with information on flowering season, related species, range, and habitat. More than 100 plant drawings and more than 200 color photographs supplement the descriptions.

Northern Rocky Mountain Wildflowers (A Falcon Guide)

Wayne Phillips

This field guide features more than 300 species found in the northern Rockies of Montana, Idaho, Washington, and adjacent British Columbia and Alberta, including the Glacier-Waterton International Peace Park. All plants are arranged by flower color.

Central Rocky Mountain Wildflowers: Including Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks (A Falcon Guide)

Wayne Phillips

This field guide features the wildflowers in the heart of the Rockies from the Yellowstone ecosystem of Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho, north to the Rocky Mountain Front and west through Central Idaho to the Blue Mountains of Oregon and Washington. It includes color photos and descriptions of over 260 wildflowers, arranged by flower color.

Southern Rocky Mountain Wildflowers: Including Rocky Mountain National Park (A Falcon Guide)

Leigh Robertson

The field guide covers alpine and forest terrain of the Southern Rockies region, from southern Wyoming to northern New Mexico, including Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado. It provides color photos and descriptions on more than 200 wildflowers.

A Field Guide to Pacific States Wildflowers: Washington, Oregon, California and Adjacent Areas (Peterson Field Guide)

Theodore F. Niehaus, Roger Tory Peterson and Charles L. Ripper

This guide includes descriptions and illustrations of 1,492 species from 77 families—virtually all of the wildflowers found from British Columbia to Baja California, from the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean. Grouped by color, each species description includes field marks, size, habitat, range, flowering season, and common and scientific names.

Introduction to Shore Wildflowers of California, Oregon, and Washington

Philip A. Munz

268 species are described and illustrated with a color photograph, a line drawing, or both. The book includes native and introduced species of wildflowers, common trees, and shrubs.

Pacific Northwest Wildflowers: A Guide to Common Wildflowers of Washington, Oregon, Northern California, Western Idaho, Southeast Alaska, and British Columbia (A Falcon Guide)

Damian Fagan

With more than 350 color photographs, line drawings, and descriptions, this book introduces more than 300 of the most common wildflowers of the Pacific Northwest region. Glossaries, a primer on plant identification, and an introduction to the ecosystems of the Pacific Northwest are included.

Plants of the Pacific Northwest Coast: Washington, Oregon, British Columbia & Alaska

Jim Pojar

This field guide features 794 species of plants commonly found along the Pacific coast from Oregon to Alaska, including trees, shrubs, wildflowers, aquatic plants, grasses, ferns, mosses and lichens. It covers the coastal region from shoreline to alpine, including the western Cascades. The field guide includes 1,100 color photographs, over 1,000 line drawings and silhouettes, descriptions and keys to groups, the plant's habitat and range (with 794 color range maps).

Lewis Clark's Field Guide to Wild Flowers of Forest and Woodland in the Pacific Northwest

Lewis J. Clark

The guide contains more than 100 color photographs accompanied by a description of the flowering plant's appearance, size and range.

Wildflowers of the Columbia Gorge

Russ Jolley

This guide to Gorge wildflowers has 744 entries, each with a color photo. It includes field trips, glossary, blooming dates, and a foldout, waterproof map. Plants are organized by family.

Northwest Coastal Wildflowers (Northwest Wildflower Series)

Dana Visalli, Derrick Ditchburn and Walt Lockwood

Northwest Dryland Wildflowers: Sagebrush and Ponderosa (Northwest Wildflower Series)

Dana Visalli and David Hancock

Northwest Mountain Wildflowers (Northwest Wildflower Series)

Dana Visalli and Derrick Ditchburn

This is a series of three field guides to the wildflowers of the Pacific Northwest. Dryland Wildflowers identifies the most common flowers of the drier areas east of the Pacific Crest in Washington, Oregon and British Columbia. Mountain Wildflowers identifies the most common flowers of the mountain and alpine regions in Washington, Oregon and British Columbia. Coastal Wildflowers identifies the most common flowers of the coastal regions of Washington,

Oregon and British Columbia. Identification is by flower petal color. Each wildflower is illustrated with one or more color photographs and is accompanied by identification tips. As a complete set, the three books identify over 500 of the wildflowers throughout the landscapes of the Northwest.

Wildflowers of the Pacific Northwest

Mark Turner and Phyllis Gustafson

With more than 1,240 color photographs, this field guide describes and illustrates 1,220 commonly encountered species, both native and nonnative, including perennials, annuals, and shrubs.

Encompassing the Pacific Northwest from southern British Columbia to northern California, from the coast to the mountains and high desert, the guide is organized by flower color and shape and includes a range map for each flower described.

Wild Flowers of the Yukon, Alaska & Northwestern Canada

John G. Trelawny

The guide includes over 200 pages of color photographs, descriptions and facts for each species.