



Wildflower Field Guides -- United States (by state)

ALABAMA

Wildflowers of Alabama and Adjoining States

Blanche E. Dean, Laura F. Dean, Amy Mason and Joab L. Thomas

ALASKA

Field Guide to Alaskan Wildflowers: Commonly Seen Along Highways and Byways

Verna E. Pratt

The guide is arranged by flower color and has color bars on the edge of pages.

ARIZONA

Wildflowers of Arizona Field Guide

Nora Bowers, Rick Bowers and Stan Tekiela

This field guide is organized by color and size. It includes full-page photos and descriptions.

A Field Guide to the Plants of Arizona

Anne Epple

More than 900 color photographs and descriptive text identify 853 species of wildflowers, cacti, trees, and other plant life. The photos are grouped by color and size.

ARKANSAS

Wildflowers of Arkansas

Carl G. Hunter

Six-hundred species are described, accompanied by hundreds of color photographs. The text for each species appears next to its photograph. The eight plant families represented are described as well as the structure of flowers and plants and the physiographic regions of Arkansas.

CALIFORNIA

California Desert Flowers: An Introduction to Families, Genera, and Species

Sia Morhardt and Emil Morhardt

This guide to the most visible families of California desert flowers includes family and genus keys, color photographs of nearly 300 species, and diagrams.

Introduction to California Desert Wildflowers

Philip A. Munz, Diane L. Renshaw and Phyllis M. Faber

The guide includes 220 color photographs and 123 detailed drawings to help identify more than 240 wildflowers. It covers such destinations as Death Valley, Palm Springs, and Joshua Tree National Park.

A Flora of Southern California

Philip A. Munz

Flora of the Santa Ana River and Environs: With References to World Botany

Oscar F. Clarke, Denielle Svehla, Greg Ballmer and Arlee Montalvo

This guide compiles descriptions of 300 species, accompanied by 3,200 images and illustrations. The book also serves as an introduction to basic botanical concepts, applying phylogenetics (the study of evolutionary relationships between species to taxonomic structure).

Flowering Plants: The Santa Monica Mountains, Coastal and Chaparral Regions of Southern California

Nancy Dale

The book includes plants organized within family groups, with 214 color photographs and 51 botanical drawings and accompanying text. It gives details on 260 species and 63 families. The flowers are indexed by color, name, and family.

Flora of the Santa Cruz Mountains of California: A Manual of the Vascular Plants

John Thomas

Introduction to California Spring Wildflowers of the Foothills, Valleys, and Coast

Philip A. Munz, Dianne Lake and Phyllis M. Faber

The guide includes 244 color photographs and 102 detailed drawings, describing more than 400 wildflowers. Plant descriptions include identifying tips and locales where flowers are likely to be seen.

Plants of the San Francisco Bay Region: Mendocino to Monterey

Linda Beidleman and Eugene Kozloff

This is a botanical guide to the wetlands, woodlands, coastlines, hills, and valleys of the San Francisco Bay Region. The identification keys describe more than two thousand species of wildflowers, trees, shrubs, weeds, and ferns. The illustrations include 457 color photographs and 227 line drawings. Plants are identified by both common and scientific names.

Wildflowers of the Sierra Nevada and Central Valley

Laird R. Blackwell

The book covers 200 wildflower species from the Central Valley near Sacramento, west up to the peaks of the Sierra Nevada mountains. Each species has at least one photograph, a description and notes on its distribution, native and modern uses, and similar species.

Sierra Nevada Wildflowers

Elizabeth L. Horn

Sierra Nevada Wildflowers (A Falcon Guide)

Karen Wiese

This book contains color photos, descriptions, and facts about more than 230 wildflowers in the Sierra Nevada region. The species are arranged by color and plant family.

The Laws Field Guide to the Sierra Nevada

John Muir Laws

With more than 2,800 watercolor illustrations, this book catalogues over 1,700 species of Sierra trees, wildflowers, ferns, fungi, lichens, fish, reptiles, amphibians, birds, mammals, insects, and other small animals. The guide is designed with color tabs. It uses a unique system of keys and organization to assist in the identification of the living things encountered along the trail.

Plants of the Tahoe Basin: Flowering Plants, Trees, and Ferns

Michael Graf

This field guide includes more than 600 species, many of them rare, and includes over 300 color photographs. The book is arranged taxonomically with each species account including size, bloom period, and preferred habitat. It covers the Tahoe region from Desolation Wilderness in the west to the Carson Range in the east -- including Donner Lake and Pass, Sagehen Meadows, Castle Peak, Pole Creek, Shirley Canyon, Granite Chief, and Alpine Meadows in the north; and Hope Valley and Carson and Luther Passes in the south.

Redwood Region Flower Finder

Phoebe Watts and Sarah Ellen Watts

The guide identifies wildflowers that grow in the range of the Coast Redwood tree, along the coastal fog belt of California. Organized with a dichotomous key, it leads the user first to flower families and then to the species. It includes flowers of sunny openings, fields, and streamsides, as well as flowers of the forest floor. Illustrated with line drawings that show important plant features.

FLORIDA

Florida Wild Flowers and Roadside Plants

C. Ritchie Bell and Bryan J. Taylor

This guide identifies 500 species of Florida plant life, including rare as well as common wild flowers and characteristic trees, shrubs, vines, and ferns. Each description includes both common and scientific names, a range map, symbols to show the season of bloom, and a summary code of nine key plant, leaf, and flower characters, to aid in identification. It includes color photographs and notes for each species.

Florida Wildflowers in Their Natural Communities

Walter Kingsley Taylor

This guide emphasizes recognizing and identifying wildflowers by where they are most likely to be found growing -- their natural habitat. It provides descriptions and color photos of each community -- pine flatwoods, sand-hills, upland pine forest, scrub, temperate hardwood forest, coastal uplands, subtropical pine forest, tropical hardwood hammock, and ruderal sites -- and of the wildflower species associated with each. For each flower, the guide provides the scientific and common names, a brief description, flowering time, habitats, geographical range, a color photo, and miscellaneous comments.

Flowering Plants of Florida: A Guide to Common Families

Wendy B. Zomlefer

The Guide to Florida Wildflowers

Walter Kingsley Taylor

This guide has descriptions and color photos of more than 500 wildflowers along with 25 botanical illustrations.

HAWAII

Plants/Flowers of Hawaii

Seymour H. Sohmer, R. Gustafson, S.H. Sohmer

IDAHO

Idaho Mountain Wildflowers: A Photographic Compendium

Scott Earle

The second edition of the book has been expanded to include 225 more plants from the mountains of Idaho (many of which are also found in neighboring states and provinces). On the basis of ongoing molecular, chromosomal, and historical studies, many plants have been reclassified in the recent past. This edition stresses the new classifications (while noting the old ones).

INDIANA

Field Guide to Indiana Wildflowers

Kay Yatskievych

The book includes all of the herbaceous species -- a total of 1,568 -- recorded in Indiana (except grasses, sedges, and rushes). It contains 640 color photographs. Each species entry includes the scientific name, common name, habitat, general distribution in the state, months of blooming, size of the plants and the flowers or inflorescence, and a description of the plant. Photographs or drawings accompany most entries. Species are grouped into families, which are arranged so that the most closely related and usually visually similar are in proximity. A "Flower Finder" section depicts species based on the number of colored parts of the flower.

Wildflowers and Ferns of Indiana Forests: A Field Guide

Michael A Homoya

This illustrated guide identifies nearly 300 common plants in Indiana's most prominent ecosystem—the Eastern Deciduous Forest. The plants are arranged by flower color or growth form. Treatment is given to all major vascular plant groups of the forest, such as wildflowers, ferns, shrubs, trees, grasses, and sedges. The field guide also offers information on a plant's habitat, flowering period, familial relationships, biology, and connections to Indiana.

IOWA

Wildflowers of Iowa Woodlands

Sylvan T. Runkel and Alvin F. Bull

The species accounts are accompanied by full-page color photographs. The guide 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.

KANSAS

Wildflowers and Grasses of Kansas: A Field Guide

Michael John Haddock

This field guide includes 264 wildflowers along with 59 grasses, sedges, and rushes. These comprise many of the state's most common and conspicuous species--as well as some seldom encountered or listed in field guides--and include many that are found throughout the Great Plains. Wildflowers are arranged first by dominant color group, then by family within each color category so that the user can compare a species with similarly colored flowers. Each entry for flower or grass includes the scientific name, family, common name(s), flowering period, height, distribution and habitat, life span, basic morphological characteristics, and notes on historical food and medicinal uses where applicable. The book also features "finding aids" that allow one to narrow a specimen to a smaller number of possible matches--sometimes more quickly than by comparing it to the photos.

KENTUCKY

Wildflowers of Mammoth Cave National Park

Randy Seymour

This field guide focuses on 400 wildflowers found along the trails and roads within the park, nearly all of them species found throughout Kentucky and in neighboring states. Each wildflower is represented by a color photograph and accompanied by text that identifies its characteristics: colors, floral and leaf forms, flowering time, and native or introduced status, as well as the plant's folklore, past herbal or medicinal use, and other myths and historical facts.

Wildflowers and Ferns of Kentucky

Thomas G. Barnes and S. Wilson Francis

This guide features more than 500 color photographs. Identification of the wildflowers and ferns occurs by matching photographs and leaf line drawings to the more than 650 species of flowers covered in the book. Plants are grouped by flower color and blooming season. Each species listing includes the plant's common and scientific name, plant family, habitat, frequency, and distribution throughout Kentucky, with similar species listed in the notes.

Rare Wildflowers of Kentucky

Thomas G. Barnes, Deborah L. White and Marc Evans

This guide provides an introduction to Kentucky's signature rare plants with 220 color photographs. These wildflowers and their descriptions are organized by habitat—including old-growth forests, prairies, and wetlands. The book also includes references, a list of scientific and common species names, and a list of each plant's endangered status.

MISSISSIPPI

Wildflowers of Mississippi

S. Lee Timme

This guide's information on plants has been arranged alphabetically by family, genera, and species within two groups of flowering plants. Each of the five hundred plus species is described and identified by one or more color photographs.

MISSOURI

Missouri Wildflowers: A Field Guide to the Wildflowers of Missouri

Edgar Denison

The field guide's 297 color photographs are arranged by flower color and blooming time. Plant characteristics, habitat and range are provided.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Life in New Hampshire Salt Marshes: A Quick Reference Field Guide

This is a downloadable pdf file:

<http://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/publications/wd/documents/wd-04-19.pdf>

The field guide includes grasses, rushes and sedges; herbaceous flowering plants; succulents; and woody plants and shrubs (along with fish, crabs and shrimp; mosquitoes; birds).

NEW YORK

Wildflowers of New York in Color

Valerie A. Chapman, Alan E. Bessette, Arleen R. Bessette, Douglas R. Pens and William K. Chapman

This field guide contains over 350 photographs and descriptions. The key is based on flower color and other physical characteristics.

OHIO

Wildflowers of Ohio

Robert L. Henn

The guide includes more than 300 species of wildflowers arranged by color and taxonomy, each with a description of characteristics, habitat, distribution, and human uses.

Wildflowers of Ohio Field Guide

Stan Tekiela

This is a field guide to hundreds of Ohio's wildflowers — with full-page photos and descriptions.

PENNSYLVANIA

The Plants of Pennsylvania: An Illustrated Manual

Ann Fowler Rhoads, Timothy A. Block, Anna Anisko

The book provides a means of positively identifying the more than 3,000 species of flowering plants, ferns, and gymnosperms native or naturalized in Pennsylvania. The manual includes keys to families, genera, and species; diagnostic illustrations; scientific and common names; and data on distribution ranges, relative frequency, rare and endangered species, blooming and fruiting periods; taxonomic notes; and an illustrated glossary.

SOUTH CAROLINA

A Guide to the Wildflowers of South Carolina

Richard Dwight Porcher and Douglas Alan Rayner

With color photographs and descriptions of more than 680 species, the field guide groups species according to habitat. It includes itineraries for more than fifty wildflower expeditions and short essays on a variety of topics including: carnivorous plants, Carolina bays, native orchids, medicinal plants and folk remedies, poisonous plants, edible plants, and the role of fire in natural communities.

TEXAS

Plants of the Texas Coastal Bend

Roy L. Lehman

Covers wild plants that grow in the counties of Texas' coastal bend.

Texas Wildflowers: A Field Guide

Campbell Loughmiller, Lynn Loughmiller and Lynn Sherrod

The field guide includes 381 color photos with 370 species accounts and descriptions of 73 wildflower families.

Wildflowers and Other Plants of Texas Beaches and Islands

Alfred Richardson

This field guide aids in identifying some 275 common and/or noteworthy flowering plants of the Texas beaches and islands from the Rio Grande to the Louisiana border. Each plant is illustrated by a color photograph and is accompanied by a description of its appearance, habitat, and blooming time. The plants are grouped by families, which in turn are arranged according to relationships and similarities.

Wildflowers of Houston and Southeast Texas

John Tveten and Gloria Tveten

The guide describes more than 200 plants with a color photograph of each one. The plants are arranged by color, with each entry tracing the history and lore of a species. At the end of each species account is a list of key identifying characteristics.

Wildflowers of Texas

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Organized by flower color.

UTAH

Wildflowers of Southwestern Utah: A Field Guide to Bryce Canyon, Cedar Breaks, and Surrounding Plant Communities

Hayle Buchanan

This field guide introduces readers to eight wildflower communities of the Bryce Canyon and Cedar Breaks region—from deep canyons to broad plateaus. Each of the 128 entries offers keys to identification. The guide is illustrated with over 150 color photographs and more than 125 line drawings.

VIRGINIA

Wildflowers of Tidewater Virginia

Oscar W. Gupton and Fred C. Swope

Color photographs and descriptive comments are provided as identification materials for each species. Wildflowers are organized by flower color.

Field Guide to Virginia Salt and Brackish Marsh Plants

<http://www.ccrm.vims.edu/publications/pubs/8x11brochureannotated2rh.pdf>

This downloadable pdf file includes four pages with color photos of 18 plants.

Tidal Wetland Plants of Virginia

Gene M. Silberhorn

<http://www.vims.edu/GreyLit/VIMS/EdSeries19.pdf>

This is a 90 page downloadable pdf file with black and white illustrations.

WISCONSIN

Wildflowers of Wisconsin

Stan Tekiela

The guide includes over 200 wildflowers with color photographs and descriptions. Plants are organized by color and size.

Wildflowers of Door County: Wisconsin's Unique Floral Preserve

Paul G. Mahlberg and Marilyn Waite Mahlberg

This guide contains nearly 400 watercolors, all painted from Door County specimens. Illustrations are grouped by flower color; within each group, flowers are arranged in taxonomic order.