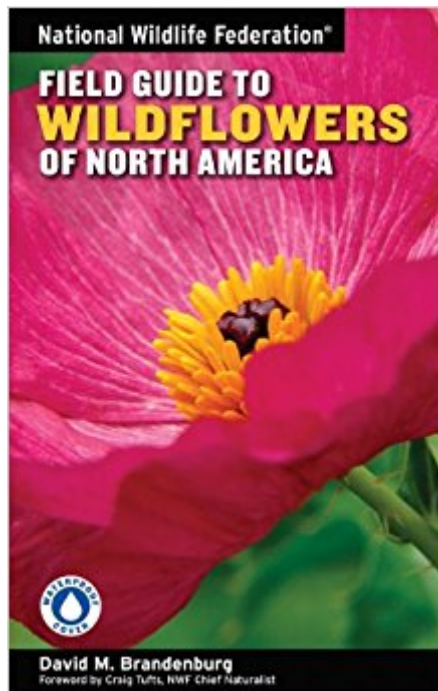




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National Wildlife Federation Field Guide To Wildflowers Of North America



Synopsis

Wherever even the smallest green thing grows, there you'll find wildflowers, be they huge, showy tropical blossoms or pretty, tiny bloomers. North America alone is home to thousands of species; and the National Wildlife Federation Field Guide celebrates that wide diversity in grand fashion. From Acanthaceae to Zygophyllaceae, this beautiful, portable 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. There's no better guide to take along while camping, hiking, or enjoying a nature walk. - More than 2,200 species of - More than 2,200 species of wildflowers in a single, portable volume - 4,019 stunning color photographs by leading nature photographers - Wildflowers arranged by genus and include genus descriptions and range maps - Captions highlight important field marks - Information on season and habitat for each species - Fruit illustrations included for several plant families - Range map shows U.S. distribution - Separate section on species introduced into North America - Quick-identification key arranged by color and shape - Detailed, illustrated visual glossary of flower parts and leaf types - Essays on wildflower habitats and conservation - Waterproof cover for use in the field

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Customer Reviews

This is an excellent guide for identification of wildflowers. An argument could be made that the best feature of this book is the range maps that accompany the various flower species - the only other

place to relatively easily obtain such information is through the USDA website and you need to search by genus then get a set of species range maps - not so helpful for browsing or in the field. Typically 2, 3, or 4 closely related species are presented together with pictures of each and range maps for each. There is a treasure trove of pictures to assist in identification and most are very, very good - if a bit small. Descriptive and identification information is also somewhat thin for the various species. Both the somewhat small pictures and dearth of identifying information can be overlooked easily, though, given the absolutely vast number of species covered and number of color photographs. If you want to identify wildflowers primarily from pictures, this book just can't be beat. I would highly recommend this book for wildflower identification - I have a lot of wildflower books but nothing compares to this for overall value and comprehensiveness. The wealth of pictures and comprehensive coverage of species coupled with the extremely low price makes this book an exceptional value; frankly, given the quality of the paper and printing as well as the nearly 700 page size, I am amazed they can even print the book for the price they are selling it for - the book would be a good value at double the price.

This book is outstanding. It covers a huge range but has enough information and diversity of species to make it useful everywhere. It won't always have the species that you're looking for but it has enough to at least get you more than just in the ballpark. It's not a technical book and a basic understanding of plant families will help the user navigate through the vast number of species presented. I hope the NWF reprints this book because there are no equal options out there. The price of this book can get insane when there are few available used copies on the market.

The book is a good all-around one, but a bit overwhelming. I bought the book mainly because the front part divides the flowers by colors which I thought would be very helpful. But often it will show just one of the colors and doesn't include others. So if you see a pink flower and they show it in blue it might be a little more difficult to identify. The maps of where the flowers are found are very helpful. The flower descriptions well done. The book itself is thick thus making it a little difficult to carry around as a field guide. It's best left home as a reference tool.

Excellent Reference material

The book is high quality product, Contains lots of photos, and the price was right. It's not much help when trying to identify a flower you're holding in your hand. The thumbnail photos are too small and

many do not show details of the flower. My lawn is covered with a wild flower (weed) which, is seems to me, to make it a very common thing. I've gone through this book, page by page and can't find it. I wouldn't recommend it if you need detailed help identifying a flower.

Best book i have seen. Multiple photographic info on one plant, excellent written info, and US maps for location. It is really an excellent reference!

A compact but heavy little book-zillions of photos of wildflowers and excellent descriptions. This is one of the books my homeschooled son checked out of the library that we ended up going on and purchasing. Well-worth the price, and a permanent personal library reference.

Also own the insect field guide as well and both are amazing for any environmentalist. Beautiful images and great descriptions.

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