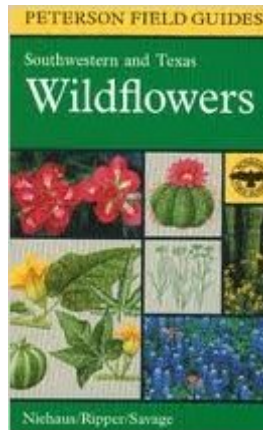


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Synopsis

This guide, covering 1,505 species of wildflowers, groups flowers by color and plant characteristics for easy matching of pictures with specimens. With descriptions facing the more than 1,500 illustrations, all the information you need can be seen at a glance. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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According to ecologist Paul R. Ehrlich, "In this century, no one has done more to promote an interest in living creatures than Roger Tory Peterson, the inventor of the modern field guide." Peterson's "Guide to the Birds" - "the first modern field guide" - was published in 1934. Its pioneering approach relied on the use of visual characters rather than technical descriptions to identify species. This was achieved by grouping similar species together on a plate, using clear, two-dimensional illustrations, and pointers to key field marks as well as succinct text, a combination known as the Peterson Identification System. That revolutionary style was later applied to a host of field guides covering anything from the night sky to moths and geology to mushrooms and including the present volume. "Southwestern and Texas Wildflowers" is Number 31 in the Peterson Field Guide Series, published in 1984 and still in the original edition. The format will, of course, be very familiar to all who have ever held or used a Peterson Field Guide - and to those it will probably be self-recommending. This volume treats 1,505 species found in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado. Over 1,500 illustrations are provided, some in colour, but the majority as clear

line-drawings. The succinct text for each species is conveniently set opposite the plate depicting the plant. Clearly this guide cannot and does not attempt to be a comprehensive guide to the flora of the region. However, I have found it to be an indispensable guide on my travels to Texas and Arizona. Personally, I much prefer the concise, densely packed format of the Peterson Field Guides to the newer photographic guides, of which there is now a plethora. However, beginners often seem to prefer the latter. In that case, a handy alternative for Texas might be Tull & Miller's "Wildflowers, Trees and Shrubs of Texas" which treats 600 species or, for Arizona, Epple and Epple's "Plants of Arizona" which covers 850 species.

This book seems to be a Southwestern and Texas version of Newcomb's Wildflower Guide - though the organization is different as this one is organized based on color (with B&W drawings?). Descriptive information is pretty much the same as well as the drawings - the vast majority of which are in black and white - and the color ones don't have enough detail to help much with identification - at least not for this beginner.

This is an excellent guide with accurate illustrations that I prefer for the southwest over and above the local guides I have bought. It needs updating but is still terrific. I am especially happy with the cactus section which is just as detailed as many specialized books. Just be aware that botanical names are often no longer correct.

For decades I've tried to use the old Eastern Flowers Guide which is great as long as you live on the East coast but when you move inland (like Oklahoma)...well...My old guide was shot and needed updating so I went online and was surprised to see this book out! WOW! Now the rest of the U.S. needs good guides as well.

Had to have this for a class. After the instructor showed us what to look for it was pretty easy. Will be using this book a lot in the future.

It could have had more pictures but is otherwise excellent. The plant diagrams are very helpful. Colored pictures are very helpful.

wonderful information!

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