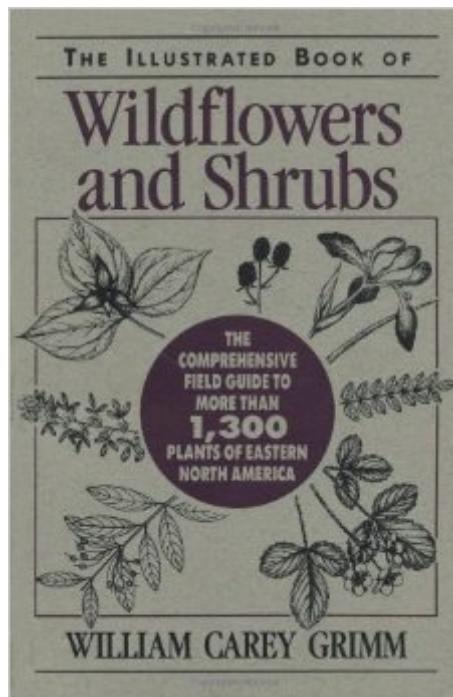


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# Illustrated Book Of Wildflower & Shrubs



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I highly recommend this book, no get two because if you are like me-dragging one into the field-you are going to need a second copy for your reference shelf. With 1300 references to flowering plant life of Eastern North America this author leaves almost nothing to doubt. This book has made all the difference to me in identifying native plants. That's because the author gives clear identifying features and details in his short descriptions, including bloom time, habitat, range and distinguishing plant characteristics. I found the book very easy to navigate because of the illustrations. It is well organized by GENERA and thumbing through the book will help you navigate to the correct species and type of plant. I can't recommend this book highly enough, especially for the advanced plantsman!!! You do need to have familiarity with the difference between a daisy and a trillium, botanically speaking, to put this reference to work for you. This is an outstanding guide to plant identification, not a gardening book. However you can use the habitat information and the bloom time for use in planning. I am a member of the Georgia Native Plant society. I go out to rescue native plants from development sites and reestablish them in my home garden. I am very pleased with being to rapidly identify anything I come across thanks to this excellent reference.

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The book is a bit dated by now. The black and white drawings are OK, but for the smallest flowers..even on large stems... drawings lack detail. There are no range maps, just list of states and provinces. mainly good for states East of the Mississippi, such as Illinois and Wisconsin and South of there. Some partial use in Iowa and Missouri. pretty well covers Minnesota. Index is by full name. So look for Common Milkweed, not Milkweed, Common.

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