



Fran Lowman Memorial Lending Library NATIVE PLANT BOOK SUGGESTIONS

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FIELD GUIDES FOR PLANT IDENTIFICATION

Field Guide to Wildflowers, Northcentral North America, by Roger Tory Peterson & Margaret McKenny. Houghton Mifflin Co. Revised edition 1998. 448 pgs. Very good guide.

Newcomb's Wildflower Guide, by Lawrence Newcomb. Little, Brown and Co. 1977. 490 pgs. Very good guide. Easy key for identification of wildflowers plus flowering shrubs and vines.

Wildflowers in the Field and Forest: A Field Guide to the Northeastern United States by Steven Clemants and Carol Gracie. Oxford University Press 2006. 445 pgs. Over 1,400 species descriptions; nearly all with beautiful color photos.

Kane County Wild Plants & Natural Areas, by Dick Young. Kane County Forest Preserve District, 719 Batavia Ave., Geneva, IL 60134, 1994. 218 pgs. Each plant is scored to indicate its value in relation to all other species. Scoring and descriptive comments very useful in elimination and/or selecting plants. Ferns, trees, shrubs, vines, grasses and flowers included. Can be used as a field guide.

Prairie Plants of the University of Wisconsin- Madison Arboretum, by Theodore Cochrane, Kandis Elliot and Caludia Lipke, University of Wisconsin Press, 2006. 365 pgs. Illustrates and describes more than 360 native and introduced species to increase awareness and respect for remaining small prairie remnants.

Tallgrass Prairie Wildflowers, by Doug Ladd. Falcon Press Publishing Co., 1995. Published in cooperation with The Nature Conservancy. 263 pgs. Over 320 gorgeous photographs and excellent information about the 295 described species. Good reference book and field guide.

A Field Guide to the Wetlands of Illinois, 2nd Ed. by Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources. Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources 2000. 252 pgs. Shows location by county, excellent pictures, good plant detail; identification key.

Field Guide to Wisconsin Sedges: An Introduction to the Genus Carex (Cyperaceae) by Andrew L. Hipp. University of Wisconsin Press 2008. 265 pgs. Beautiful illustrations showing important plant features done by author's wife, Rachel D. Davis; valuable source for habitat information but primarily an identification guide.

Forest Trees of Illinois, by Robert Mohlenbrock and Jay Hayek. University of Illinois Extension 2009. 339 pgs. Field guide with photos, illustrations and ID key.

NATIVE TREES, SHRUBS AND VINES

Native Trees for North American Landscapes, by Guy Sternberg & James W. Wilson. Timber Press 2002. 552 pgs. Comprehensive, thorough discussion with excellent pictures. Large book.

Native Trees, Shrubs, and Vines for Urban and Rural America: A Design Manual for Environmental Designers, by Gary Hightshoe. Van Nostrand Reinhold 1988. 819 pgs. Complete plant information.

Native Trees, Shrubs, and Vines: A Guide to Using, Growing, and Propagating North American Woody Plants, by William Cullina. Houghton Mifflin 2002. 368 pgs. More in depth discussion of each Genus. Charming narrative style; good information on propagation.

PLANNING, PLANTING, GROWING, RESTORING & HARVESTING

Landscaping with Native Plants, from Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes 4th Edition. P.O. Box 1274, Appleton, WI, 54912-1274. 877 394-9453. www.wildones.org. "How to" information, along with a list of book resources.

Go Native!: Gardening with Native Plants and Wildflowers in the Lower Midwest, by Carolyn Harstad. Indiana University Press 1999. 368 pgs. Everything you need to know about gardening with native plants and wildflowers.

Urban and Suburban Meadows: Bringing Meadowscape to Big and Small Spaces, by Catherine Zimmerman. Matrix Media Press 2010. 272 pgs. Skillfully crafted guide on how to “meadowscape” existing lawns into native meadow gardens, many photos.

The New England Wild Flower Society Guide to Growing and Propagating Wildflowers of the United States and Canada, by William Cullina. Houghton Mifflin Company 2000. Hardcover: 384 pgs. Clear and detailed information on growing and propagating 1,000 plant species, lots of color photos.

A Practical Guide to Prairie Reconstruction, by Carl Kurtz. University of Iowa Press. Second edition 2013. 80 pgs. Readable and understandable introduction to prairie and the general steps in carrying out a reconstruction.

Catalog & Cultural Guide, from Prairie Moon Nursery, 32115 Prairie Lane, Winona, MN 55987-3479, 866-417-8156 www.prairiemoonnursery.com. The most informative catalog on natives-free! Download the catalog and cultural guide at <http://www.prairiemoon.com/catalog-download.html>

Catalog & Growing Guide, from Prairie Nursery, W7262 Dover Ct., Westfield, WI 53964 -7918. Phone 800-476-9453. www.prairienursery.com. Very useful information-free! On-line catalog <http://prairienursery.uberflip.com/i/234933>.

WOODLANDS

Spring Woodland Wildflowers of UW Madison Arboretum by Andrew Hipp. Univ. of WI-Madison 2004. 70 pgs, Richly illustrated and informative, this is an excellent aid in identifying the rich variety of spring wildflowers throughout the region.

Spring Wildflowers of the Northeast : A Natural History by Carol Gracie, Eric Lamont. Princeton Univ Press 2012. 290 pgs. Over 500 full-color photos with a rich narrative.

The American Woodland Garden: Capturing the Spirit of the Deciduous Forest, by Rick Darke. Timber Press, Inc. 2002. 377 pgs. Promotes the dynamic, regionally nuanced garden as a healthy, practical, and satisfying means of ecological stewardship.

Native Ferns, Moss & Grasses by William Cullina. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt 2008. 284 pgs. Charming narrative style; good information on propagation. Beautiful photography.

IS IT NATIVE?

Plants of the Chicago Region, by Floyd Swink and Gerould Wilhelm. Indiana Academy of Science 1994. 921 pgs. Encyclopedic work of 2530 species-no pictures. A reference for current Latin and common names. Information about each species with a distribution map. Conservation number, 0 to 10, given for each plant. Key, communities, habitats and much more. A must for the serious naturalist.

The Flora and Vegetational History of Winnebago Count, Illinois, by Michael D. Jones. Winnebago County Forest Preserve District. 1994. 225 pgs. Source for determining plants indigenous to Winnebago County. Valuable and interesting history of the native plants in the county. A must for Winnebago residents.

Distribution of Illinois Vascular Plants, by Robert H. Mohlenbrock & Douglas M. Ladd. Southern Illinois University Press, 1978. 282 pgs. Paperback. Maps show distribution of individual plants in entire state of Illinois by counties: native and non-native flora. Valuable resource.

Weeds of the Northern U.S. and Canada: A Guide for Identification, by France Royer & Richard Dickinson. Lone Pine Publ. List:USD, 1999. Paperback, 472 pgs. More than 175 weed species, 750 color photographs and 150 line drawings; detailed descriptions of weeds at all growth stages.

Weeds of the Northeast, by Richard H. Uva, Joseph C. Neal, and Joseph M. DiTomaso. Cornell Univ. Press, 1997. Paperback, 416 pgs. Identify weeds before they flower; 299 common weeds.

WHY RESTORE & CREATE NATIVE HABITATS

Noah's Garden, Restoring the Ecology of our own Back Yards, by Sara Stein. Houghton Mifflin Co., 1993. Paperback. 304 pgs. Exciting, informative, humorous and interesting. A must for natural landscapers!

A Sand County Almanac, by Aldo Leopold. Leopold is considered to be the father of modern-day conservation and ecology. This book has been called one of the greatest pieces of American literature ever written. It is an environmental classic. Leopold presents his ideas in a simple manner that makes his writings educational, enjoyable yet deeply meaningful.