

Native Plant Identification Guides

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These books are useful for identifying native plants that provide pollinator habitat in Oklahoma.

** marks resources that are particularly good for Oklahoma.*

Arkansas Wildflowers. Don Kurz. Tim Ernst Publishing. Cave Mountain, AR. ISBN 9781882906710. 2010. 256 p.

Central Region Seedling ID Guide for Native Prairie Plants. USDA-NRCS Elsberry Plant Materials Center and Missouri Department of Conservation. 2007.

Handheld guide with brief written descriptions along with photos.

Common Herbaceous Plants of Southern Forest Range. Harold E. Grelen and Ralph H. Hughes. USDA-Forest Service Southern Forest Experiment Station Research Paper S0-210. New Orleans, LA. 1984. 147 p.

Available for purchase as a print on demand document.

***Field Guide to Oklahoma Plants: Commonly Encountered Prairie, Shrubland, and Forest Species (2nd ed.).** Ronald J. Tyrl, Terrence G. Bidwell, Ronald E. Masters, and R. Dwayne Elmore. Oklahoma State University. Stillwater, OK. 2008. Stock #7506437. 664 p.

Black and white drawings w/ state map of range and plant description.

Forest Plants of the Southeast and Their Wildlife Uses. James H. Miller and Karl V. Miller. Southern Weed Science Society. 1999. ISBN 0-9673140-0-3. 454 p.

Covers trees, shrubs and flowers and as the title indicates, their importance to wildlife.

***Forest Trees of Oklahoma: How to Know Them.** Revised by Elbert L. Little, Jr. Oklahoma Forestry Division State Department of Agriculture Pub. #1, Revised Edition #13. Oklahoma City, OK. 1985. 205 p.

***The Guide to Oklahoma Wildflowers.** Patricia Folley. University of Iowa Press. 2011. ISBN-13: 978-1-60938-046-5. 238 p.

Most plant descriptions indicate whether it is native or introduced, which I have found lacking in some other guides. It also indicates if a plant is more common in the eastern or western parts of Oklahoma - important to know for planting success.

Invasive Plants: Guide to Identification and the Impacts and Control of Common North American Species. Sylvan Ramsey Kaufman and Wallace Kaufman. Stackpole Books. Mechanicsburg, PA. ISBN 978-0-8117-3365-6. 458 p.

A good guide to help identify potential problem plants.

Missouri Wildflowers (6th ed.). Edgar Denison. Missouri Department of Conservation. 2008. ISBN 978-1-887247-59-7. 280 p.

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North American Range Plants (5th ed.). James Stubbendieck, Stephan L. Hatch, and Charles H. Butterfield. University of Nebraska Press. Lincoln, NE. 1997. ISBN 0-8032-9243-0. 500 p.

***Ozark Wildflowers: An Ecological Guide to Flowering Plants in the Region** by Thomas E. Hemmerly. University of Georgia Press. Athens, GA. 2002. ISBN 0-8203-2337-3. 240 p.
While the title says Ozarks, this guide also covers the Ouachita Mountains of Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Ozark Wildflowers-A Field Guide to Common Ozark Wildflowers. Don Kurz. Falcon Publishing. 1999. ISBN 1-56044-730-3. 262 p.

***Pasture and Range Plants.** Phillips Petroleum Company. Bartlesville, OK. 1963. Library of Congress Card No. 63-11000. 176 p.
Old publication with color plates of plants. Indicates how the plants respond to grazing management. Very good resource for Oklahoma prairie plants.

***Tallgrass Prairie Wildflowers: A Field Guide.** Doug Ladd. Falcon Publishing. Helena, MT. 1995. ISBN 1-56044-299-9. 262 p.

Texas Range Plants. Stephan L. Hatch and Jennifer Pluhar. Texas A&M University Press College Station Texas. 1993. ISBN 0-89096-538-2 pp. 326

***Trees, Shrubs and Woody Vines: A Pictorial Guide.** Russell L. Stevens and Chuck R. Coffey. The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation Agricultural Division. Ardmore, OK. 2008. ISBN 978-0-9754303-2-3. 138 p.
Great photos with good descriptions. Be sure to visit the corresponding website..

***Weeds of the Great Plains.** James Stubbendieck, Michell J. Coffin, and L.M. Landholt. Nebraska Department of Agriculture. Lincoln, NE. 2003. ISBN 0939870-00-5. 605 p.
Good color guide which lists origin of each plant.

Weeds of the South. Charles T. Bryson and Michael S. DeFelice, eds. University of Georgia Press. Athens, GA. 2009. ISBN-13 978-0-8203-3046-4. 468 p.

Wildflowers of Arkansas (6th ed.). Carl G. Hunter. Ozark Society Foundation. Little Rock, AR. ISBN 0-912456-16-7. 2001. 296 p.