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Michigan Wildflowers In Color



Synopsis

This spectacular and informative guide features 278 wildflowers found in the meadows, woods, dunes, shores, and wetlands of Michigan. Each stunning photograph is coupled with a detailed plant description, including scientific and family names, habitat, growing season, and protected status. Michigan Wildflowers also features a wildflower quiz and a guide to eight of Michigan's most accessible and diverse wildflower trails, including Fernwood, Grass River Natural Area, and the Ninga Aki Pathway. Invaluable to nature lovers, this beautiful and practical book is essential for anyone who enjoys the wealth of wildflowers Michigan has to offer. At the beginning of Michigan Wildflowers in Color, the author has illustrated textual terms such as 'stipules' or 'basal leaves' with a collection of line drawings. The plant descriptions include location, seasonal display, height, and information on whether the flower is protected and should not be picked or moved. The flower photographs are grouped by color for ease of location and then listed in the order in which they appear during the growing season. There are generally six photographs to a page, with the text on the facing page. There is a quiz at the back of the book to test your 'flower power, plus an 'Observer's List' to keep track of the flowers you do find. Also, the author has also mapped out eight wildflower trails in various Michigan habitats, plus the seasonal species of flowers that can be found there.

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Customer Reviews

Author and photographer, Harry C. Lund, and his wife, Eloise E. Lund, have spent many years

hiking through bogs, woodlands, meadows, and sand dunes in Michigan's Upper and Lower Peninsulas and its off-shore islands locating and photographing wildflowers. It is their hope that by sharing these pictures in a book with an easy-to-read format, they can encourage more people to become interested in and willing to protect one of Michigan's most beautiful, and perhaps most neglected, natural resources.

This book was originally published in 1985, and my copy belongs to the eighth printing in 1999. Its popularity is well-deserved. Author and photographer, Harry C. Lund has spent many years hiking through bogs, forests, meadows, and sand dunes in Michigan's Upper and Lower Peninsulas and its off-shore islands in order to put together this book for us. I have yet to find a Michigan wild flower that isn't listed in this guide. The book is well-bound and would easily fit into your backpack for a walk through the wild. The flower photographs are grouped by color for ease of location. They are then listed in the order in which they appear during the growing season, which is a little trickier to use. I basically start at the beginning of a color group and page through until I find the flower I'm trying to identify. There are generally six photographs to a page, with the text on the facing page. In some cases, the photographs are a bit too small to easily recognize the flower, but when combined with the text there should be no identification problem. At the beginning of "Michigan Wildflowers in Color," the author has illustrated textual terms such as 'stipules' or 'basal leaves' with a collection of line drawings. The plant descriptions include location, seasonal display, height, and information on whether the flower is protected and should not be picked or moved. There is a quiz at the back of the book to test your 'flower power.' There is also an 'Observer's List' to keep track of the flowers you do find. Unfortunately, the first entry I wanted to check off wasn't on the list! Perhaps this is because Crown Vetch is not really a wild flower, although its photograph and description appear in the main section of this book. The author has also mapped out eight wildflower trails in various Michigan habitats, plus the seasonal species of flowers that can be found there. In total, "Michigan Wildflowers in Color" is a very helpful guide, especially when used in combination with a book like the Peterson "Field Guide to Wildflowers" where the drawings might serve as a confirmation or a backup to Lund's photographs. Leaves in particular are easier to identify through Peterson's drawings.

This book would be more useful if the photos were larger and more detailed. They offer descriptions of the flowers, but sometimes it is still hard to tell between certain varieties. I also wish they would cross-reference with flowers often misnamed by one another, so the reader may double check accuracy. That said, the book is still really fun and useful. It is sweet to know that it was developed

by a married couple in Michigan that were truly passionate about Michigan wildflowers. A plus is the wildflower walking trails they offer throughout the state, and the check list in the back of the book to help the reader keep track of what they have seen.

Really like the way book is set up. Lots of good information

One of the best wildflower books around. Used it in elementary school and just gave it to my great-grands And they with the help of their Mom and Grandmom have already have used it and enjoyed it.

I love this book! the pictures are beautiful and it has all the wildfloweres I grew up loving

I took pictures of different wild flowers I saw while hiking, and was very happy to find all the wild flowers in this guide. The guide is very well organized (by color) and so very easy to find flowers. I found the index at the front of the book very useful. It helps me determine what wild flower will grow in my backyard.

Excellent!

This book is very important in understanding native plant horticulture in the state. I couldn't- wouldn't live without it, thanks!

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