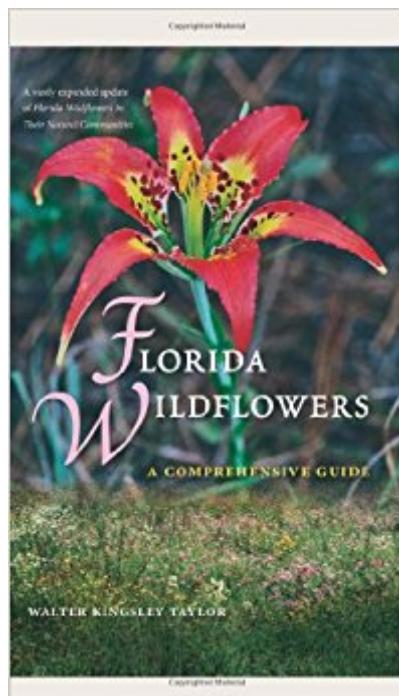


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# Florida Wildflowers: A Comprehensive Guide



## Synopsis

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Walter Kingsley Taylor, professor emeritus of biology at the University of Central Florida, is the author of *A Guide to Florida Grasses*.

I was looking for a book that would cover most of the wildflowers I might find in Florida. I found it! It also has good information on the various botanic areas of Florida and even many of the trees found there. It definitely covers more than "just" wildflowers. The photos are very good, often including close-ups of leaves as well as flowers, which helps in identification. Not exactly a field guide--it is fairly heavy, but I do most of my identification from multiple photos after I get home anyway. This is a truly comprehensive book. I'd recommend it to anyone interested in Florida plants.

I got this for a brief trip to Southern Florida and it was quite helpful in identifying many of the plants I found. The book is arranged with plants from different ecosystems together which was supposed to make it easier to find things, but I actually found that confusing. What if you don't know which ecosystem? Don't some plants occur in several ecosystems? I ended up paging through the entire book to find plants. Still, it is a lovely book with lots of info. I like that it had all plant forms: trees, shrubs, flowers, grasses in one volume.

Excellent photos and descriptions! I appreciate having this one of a kind book. The index and classification makes the book a MUST for beginners as well as experts!!

Great reference to have handy on nature walks. Beautiful pictures and clear concise descriptions. Thanks for a good purchase price on updated edition.

Bought this for one of my kids (13) who is into wildflowers. He is enjoying it, especially the fact that it is Florida specific.

I own 3 other wildflower field guides but none are as comprehensive as this one. The photos are nice sized. Highly recommended.

Have heard Dr. Taylor speak on a number of occasions. A great guide. The more people become aware of what can be lost by indiscriminate irresponsible land use, the more we can save.

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