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Field Guide To The Broad-Leaved Herbaceous Plants Of South Texas: Used By Livestock And Wildlife



Synopsis

Broad-leaved herbaceous plants (forbs) belong to a category of plants often overlooked and undervalued by the landowner. These plants include those commonly referred to as wildflowers and weeds. To the wildlife manager and naturalist, these plants are recognized as one of the most important groups in the plant world because of their value to the animal community. Ranchers and range managers, natural resource and wildlife management personnel, scientists, and anyone interested in the flora of southern Texas will be able to use this guide to identify many of the herbaceous plant species in this region. Information provided on the ecological characteristics of the plants will be useful to help develop sound land management programs. This field guide includes the most commonly encountered plants that are of importance to wildlife, livestock, and man that occur in southern Texas. Some 185 species, encompassing 143 genera and 51 families of forbs, are represented, excluding grasses and grass-like plants (sedges). Most of the plants are native to the region, but some introduced species are also included. Each species account contains a color photograph, family name, scientific and common names, distinguishing characteristics, ecological information, and comments about wildlife and livestock use. Keys to the families, genera, and species assist identification. Although focusing on plants that occur in southern Texas, the extensive ranges of many of the represented species make it a useful reference for plants in other areas of Texas, the southwestern United States, and northern Mexico.

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Field Guide to the Broad-Leaved Herbaceous Plants of South Texas: Used by Livestock and Wildlife
The photographs are excellent, clear and make it easy to identify plants. I am just a land owner interested in finding out what is growing on my property. I am in a wildlife management program and want to learn which plants are native and which are introduced. Also which plants are beneficial to the wildlife. The data given for each plant is sometimes too scientific for my purposes. However enough of it is very useful. I recommend this book for lay persons like myself or even people with a bit more scientific interests.

Good book but requires you to have some independent knowledge of many technical definitions and technical name of plant (vs. common name), as the plants are in alphabetical order. I had to use my Roger Tory Peterson reference book to find the scientific name first, or else scan the whole book for a photo of the plant I was looking for.

A good book for identifying roadside plants. I still rely on this book many years after buying it.

Great book! I have quadrupled my knowledge of herbaceous plants of south Texas. If you spend any time in south Texas on a ranch, farm or deer lease, this is a must have.

Great book with beautiful pictures and descriptions.

A better than average field guide.

Para todos aquellos que busquen opciones para conocer las plantas herbáceas que habitan el noreste de México, esta es una de las mejores obras que pueden encontrar, tiene magníficas imágenes y textos muy sencillos, que aunque están en inglés la terminología es bastante simple.

A must-have for every library in south Texas. This well-organized book fills a large gap in reference material about vegetation which remains undisturbed on less than 95% of south Texas' landmass. Placement of photos and construction of keys make this an excellent introductory text for students of botany. It's the first volume I can recommend to junior-high and high school teachers as a "user-friendly" approach to keying south Texas herbs. Lots of south Texas plants remain unmentioned here, however. Let us not assume that they are nonnative or without "use to livestock

and wildlife."

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