

## BOOK NOTICE

GEORGE CLENDENIN. 2016. **Common Rangeland Plants of West Central Texas**. (ISBN-13: 978-1-62349-319-2, flexbound). Texas A&M University Press, John H. Lindsey Building, Lewis Street, 4354 TAMU, College Station, Texas 77843-4354, U.S.A. (**Orders:** [www.tamupress.com](http://www.tamupress.com), 1-800-826-8911). \$45.00, 604 pp., 650 color photographs, 1 b/w photograph, 24 line art, 3 maps, 13 tables, glossary, bibliography, index, 7" × 10".

*From the publisher:* Well-managed ranch lands or rangeland in Texas capture the rain that permeates our soils, sustains creeks and rivers, and replenishes aquifers, which, in turn, water our cities. The stewardship of the region is the focus of this book—the largest contributing watershed in the Colorado River Basin—viewed through the lens of its plant communities.

This field guide and management reference to four million acres of rangeland in the Concho River watershed of west central Texas offers general descriptions of more than 200 plant species, including information about the plant's growing period, growth form, livestock and wildlife value, and special management issues. Accompanying photographs give the reader an idea of not only what the plant looks like on the range but also which identifiable features, such as flowers, fruit, or leaf shape, are most important to that particular plant.

In addition, several experts cover the use of fire and the management of deer, turkey, dove, and other wildlife in this region. A discussion of noxious, invasive, and toxic plants; historical accounts of the region; four useful appendices; a glossary; and a plant list complete the impressive content of this comprehensive volume.

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*Common Rangeland Plants of West Central Texas* is a nice companion to Ricky Linex's 2014 publication, *Range Plants of North Central Texas: A Land User's Guide to Their Identification, Value, and Management*. Even though the two areas are geographically separated, they do share some of the same rangeland plants. I was hoping to see a list of counties or partial counties covered in the flora, but I didn't find such a county list. It looks like the West Central Texas area covers partially or fully the following counties: Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Glasscock, Irion, Martin, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Mitchell, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green, and Upton. So if you are a landowner in one of these counties, then this comprehensive guide to the plants of West Central Texas and how to manage them should be in your library. The layout is a two-page spread for each plant, with beautiful color photos on the left and the plant profile or text on the right. This is a lovely contribution to Texas natural history and botany. With Livestock and Wildlife Value provided for each plant, landowners should find this book useful for land management.—*Barney Lipscomb, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, Fort Worth, Texas, U.S.A.*