

BOOK NOTICE

LINDA G. CHAFIN. 2016. **Field Guide to the Wildflowers of Georgia and Surrounding States**. (ISBN-13: 978-0-8203-4868-1, pbk). University of Georgia Press, 320 South Jackson Street, Athens, Georgia 30602, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.ugapress.org, 1-800-266-5842). \$32.95 US, 488 pp., 860 regular and 828 thumbnail color photos, 10 line drawings, 3 maps, 6" × 9".

From the publisher: *Field Guide to the Wildflowers of Georgia and Surrounding States* is the first field guide devoted exclusively to Georgia's wildflowers, while also including a large number of plants found in neighboring states. Organized in a clear and logical way, Linda G. Chafin's guide is both scientific and accessible to those who aren't professional botanists. The guide includes nontechnical species descriptions and comparisons with similar plants, information on the habitats and natural communities that support Georgia's wildflowers, and suggestions for the best places and times to see wildflowers. The guide includes descriptions of the wildflowers found in forests, woodlands, and wetlands, as well as those growing along roadsides that are often dismissed as "weeds" but may first attract the attention of budding naturalists.

Features include:

- A large set of 750 thumbnail photographs that allows users to identify plants by flower color
- Detailed descriptions for 770 of the most common wildflowers found in Georgia and throughout most of the Southeast, as well as additional information for 530 "similar to" species
- Descriptions of the natural communities in Georgia where wildflowers may easily be seen
- An alphabetical arrangement by plant family, with each plant family broken down alphabetically by genus and species
- A guide to the pronunciation of scientific names
- Lightweight and sturdy enough for the field but inclusive enough for the reference shelf
- 90% or more of the species in this guide occur in Alabama, North Carolina, and South Carolina
- 80% or more of the species in this guide occur in Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Virginia

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