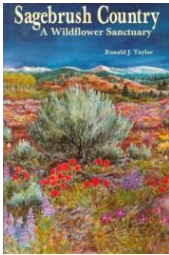
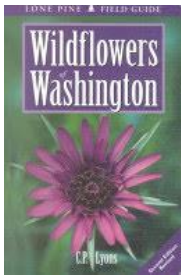


Wildflower Books in the Pacific Northwest Collection by Diane Mckenzie

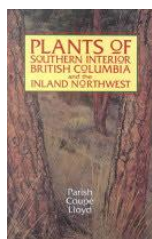
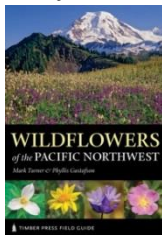
When I moved to Wenatchee in 2007, friends gave me a copy of *Sagebrush Country, A Wildflower Sanctuary*, by Ronald Taylor (1992), and I became entranced with wildflowers. It is a little book – fewer than 200 pages- and it is easy to carry hiking. The photographs are large –no more than three on a page – so you can really see the blooms and the leaves. The descriptions are given in non-technical language and include comparisons with other similar plants. It does not include every plant on the shrub steppe, but gives information about many plants in the sagebrush areas of eastern Washington, eastern Oregon and southern Idaho. Taylor is from southern Idaho and taught biology for many years at Western Washington University.



I was pleased to see that there were many wildflower books in the Pacific NorthWest Collection, and that many of them are being used. Another favorite of mine has been *Wildflowers of Washington*, by C.P. Lyons (2nd ed. 1999). Like the Taylor book, it is small and easy to carry on hikes. Of course, the small size means the scope is limited, but it is a good book for beginners, and I used it a lot when I started learning wildflowers - my own copy is heavily annotated. Plants are arranged by color and although the pictures are not as large and impressive as in Taylor, the textual information is clear.

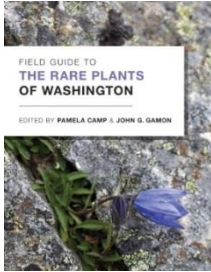


Wildflowers of the Pacific Northwest, by Mark Turner & Phyllis Gustafson (2006) has become a standard. It includes Washington, Oregon, the very northern parts of California and southern British Columbia. One feature I particularly like is the maps showing plant distribution. I also like that both scientific and common names are combined in one index. Flowers are arranged by color and shape; the descriptions are scientific but still understandable by most people. It includes shrubs but not trees.



Plants of Southern British Columbia and the Inland Northwest, by Roberta Parish, Ray Coupé and Dennis Lloyd (1996) does include trees, shrubs, wildflowers, grasses, ferns, mosses and lichens. It is arranged by Family with botanical keys and several pages of smaller pictures by color. There are no distribution maps. I particularly like the “similar species” notes and the comparison charts. I also like the notes on ethnobotany and information on origin of plants names.

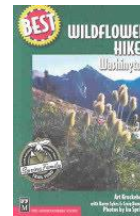
One of my favorite wildflower books is *Field Guide to the Rare Plants of Washington*, by Pamela Camp and John Gamon (2011). The book is arranged by Family and each plant is given a full page including a close-up picture plus a picture showing the type of habitat where the plant may be found. The distribution maps are very specific in showing locations. I like the in-depth readable descriptions and identification tips that make the book useful in finding similar, but not so rare, plants. The book was sponsored by BLM Spokane District, Washington Natural Heritage Program, Washington Native Plant Society, and the University of Washington Herbarium. The author lives in Wenatchee and recently was honored by being made a Fellow of the Washington Native Plant Society.



It is fun to have a wildflower book for a specific area, and the Pacific NorthWest Collection has a number of these. Some examples are *Wildflowers of the Columbia Gorge*, by Russ Jolley (1988); *Wildflowers of Mount Rainier*, by Laird Blackwell (2000); *Wildflowers, Trees and Shrubs of Holden Village*, by Barbara Jane Collins (n.d.); and *Wildflowers of Leavenworth, Washington*, by Kathryn Demeritt (2015). Demeritt’s book includes information on hikes in the area and often tells where she saw and photographed a particular plant.



If you are a hiking fan like me, you might enjoy Art Kruckeberg’s *Best Wildflower Hikes, Washington* (2000), Charles Gurche’s *Washington Wildflower Hikes* (2004) or Art Chipman’s *Wildflower Trails of the Pacific Northwest* (1998).



One of the goals of the Pacific NorthWest Collection is to preserve historic information, so I was pleased to see that we have copies of both *Flora of the Pacific Northwest, an Illustrated Manual*, by Charles Leo Hitchcock and Arthur Cronquist (1973) and the earlier five volume work by the Hitchcock, *Vascular Plants of the Pacific Northwest* (1955-1969). *Flora of the Pacific Northwest* is the volume that any serious botanist takes on field trips. It is arranged by Family and uses scientific descriptions with line drawings; final identification often requires the use of a hand lens or microscope. Even line drawings are not found in all early texts, and our forebears did not have easy access to color photographs.

The Pacific NorthWest Collection has several other titles of historic interest. *Manual of Higher Plants of Oregon*, by Morton Peck (1941) has been called “the only comprehensive manual of Oregon's flora”. Peck taught botany at Willamette University for many years. Charles Piper compiled the first authoritative guides to plants in the northwestern United States. His book, *Flora of the State of Washington* was published by the Smithsonian Institution in 1906, and his *Flora of Southeastern Washington and Adjacent Idaho* was first published in 1914. Both are available in the Pacific NorthWest Collection, as is the updated third edition of *Flora of Southeastern Washington*, published in 1963 and edited by Harold St. John. We also have three of four volumes of LeRoy Abrams’ classic *Flora of the Pacific States* (1923-1951).

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