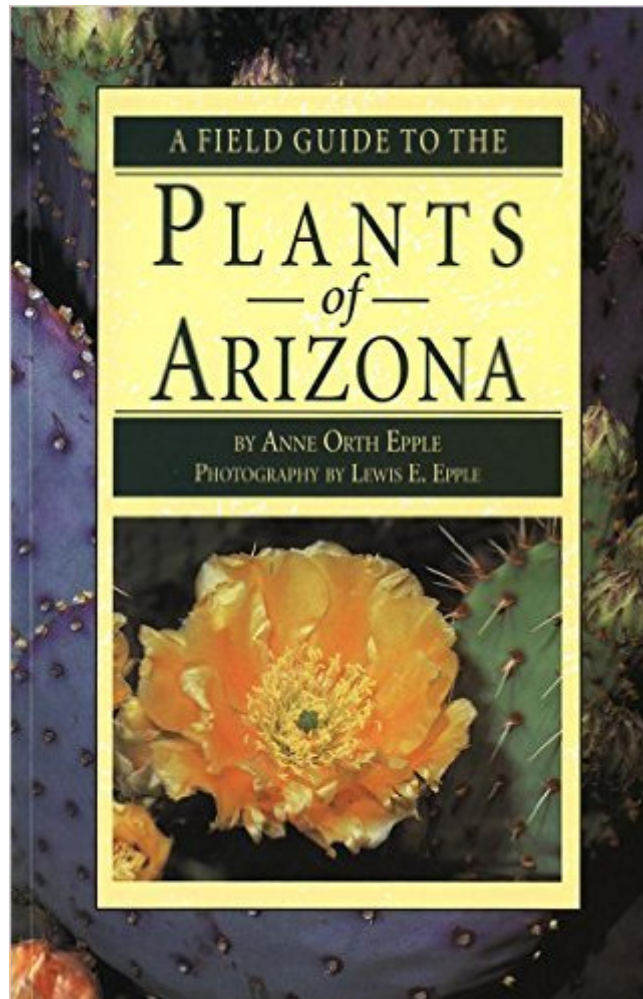


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A Field Guide To The Plants Of Arizona



Synopsis

More than 900 color photographs and descriptive text identify Arizona's unique flora, including wildflowers, cacti, trees, and other plant life.

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I am disappointed with this book, which I purchased due to the mostly positive reviews here on .

Here are my issues:

1. The book consists of different sections: First the photo section, then the descriptions. To identify a plant, one needs to first find the photograph and then find the description. Most field guides show the picture on one side of a page and the description on the other, for good reason - it is much more practical!
2. The photographs are small and often don't allow identification of a plant, which is the purpose of the book. For example, I noticed a yellow-flowering plant growing next to the road, in masses. I could not find it in the book. After consulting another identification guide, it was clear that the plant was *Baileya multiradiata*, one of the most common roadside flowers in Arizona. The photograph in this book only shows a close-up of the bloom, but what makes the plant easy to identify is the plant in its entirety.
3. As a serious plant person, I am irritated to see that the captions below the photographs and the descriptive texts list the common names. Common names are often misleading (see below) and differ from region to region. A serious plant guide should use the scientific name for indexing and captions. Case in point: to me, a cholla is *Cylindropuntia*. How come that there are multiple "chollas" in the book that are clearly a type of *Opuntia*, or prickly pear cactus?
4. Ms. Eppler states that the book does not contain descriptions of weeds and grasses. What makes a weed a weed? A weed is a weed only in the eye of the

beholder, one person's weed is another person's treasured plant. I find this distinction non-scientific and misleading.

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