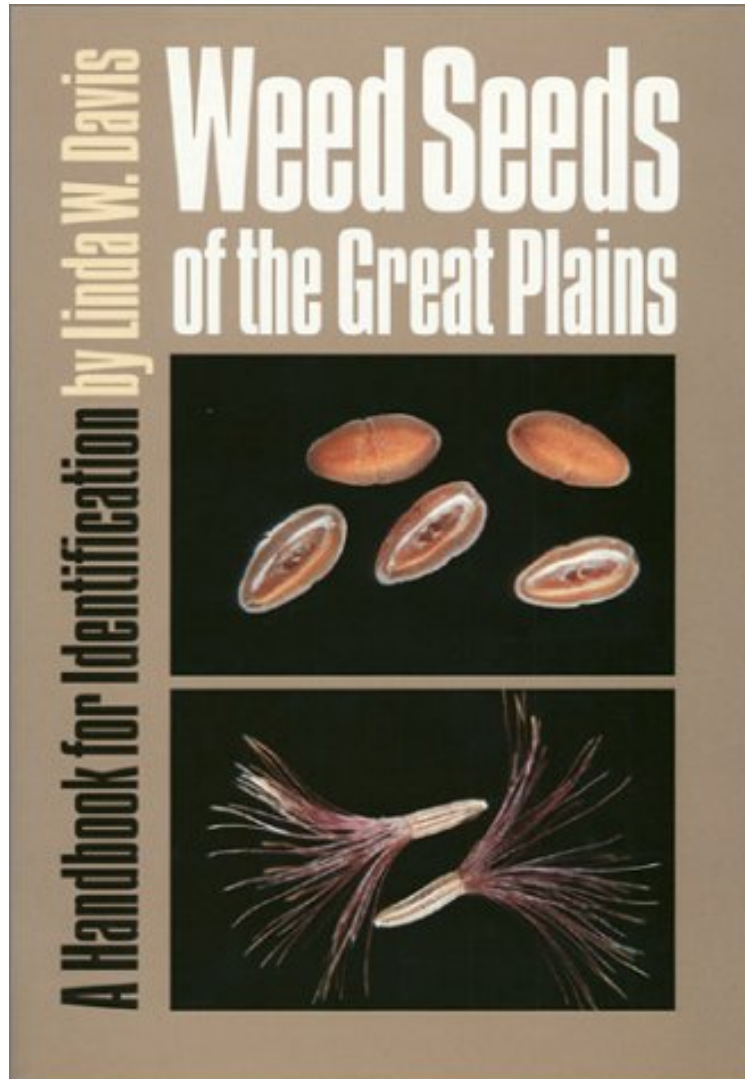


## Weed Seeds of the Great Plains: A Handbook for Identification

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testing protocols. Every packet of commercial seeds you buy for your garden has had a sample tested by someone in this field. Look up AOSA and SCST associations on line to learn more about these great and dedicated and talented people. Politics' are ruining a lot of the best State Labs but ISU is still one of the best in Iowa. Look them up and they will be glad to help out. California State Lab in Sacramento CA also is a great resource and helpful lab when it's not their super busy time of the year. The Federal Seed Lab in Maryland is another source of information. The Federal Seed Lab in Colorado is no longer as sharing as was their past history. If you donate books to them they restrict viewers to employees only. They have formed relationships with CSU where they charge for seed ID information developed on the volunteers labor and sometimes money and still they prefer to try to sell the information. Times they are a changing. But this book covers far more than just the Great Plains as many of the Weed species covered have no boundaries....they grow from sea to shining sea. So professionals or non-professionals alike enjoy this book and we always could use more books dedicated to Seed ID. (I would have rated it 5 stars if its title didn't suggest such limitations by geography.) 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A must, photographs of 280 seeds in color By A Customer For those of us who are either professionals, amateurs, or curious people. As greater and greater interest grows in discovering and growing native grasses and forbs - this book becomes more valuable. No key is required, and even if you don't know the species, it is possible to get a genus. This book should entice readers to start their own seed identification collection. With a 10 power hand lens one can become an expert in an old but newly emerging area of interest. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. weed seeds of the great plains By mark berry this book has been instrumental in helping me identify six new weed seeds i previously didn't know. this book has been very helpful to me being in the grain export buisness. if you are into weeds this book is for you.

Seeds, as small and unobtrusive as they seem, are an essential part of the life cycle of plants. In addition, they are useful for identification of plants and, in fact, are often superior for that purpose to other parts of a plant. That's because seeds have distinctive characteristics, tend to outlast all other plant parts, and vary little within a species - unlike other parts such as leaves. Since weeds interfere with the growth, harvesting, and quality of crops, Linda Davis says, the ability to identify weed seeds before they are inadvertently planted affords an economic advantage. Other weed-control measures - herbicides and mechanical removal of unwanted plants - are enormously costly in comparison. Lavishly illustrated with more than 600 photographs and drawings, this handbook provides information about the seeds of 280 species of weedy plants of the Great Plains, including ones commonly found in crops, rangeland, lawns, and along roadsides. This is the only book available that covers a large number of Great Plains plants. For each species it provides a high-quality color photograph showing minute details, a black-and-white life-size silhouette (against which actual seeds can be compared), and a full description. An easy-to-use set of finding lists facilitates identification of unknown seeds. Both scientific and common names are used throughout, and an illustrated glossary clarifies technical terms.

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