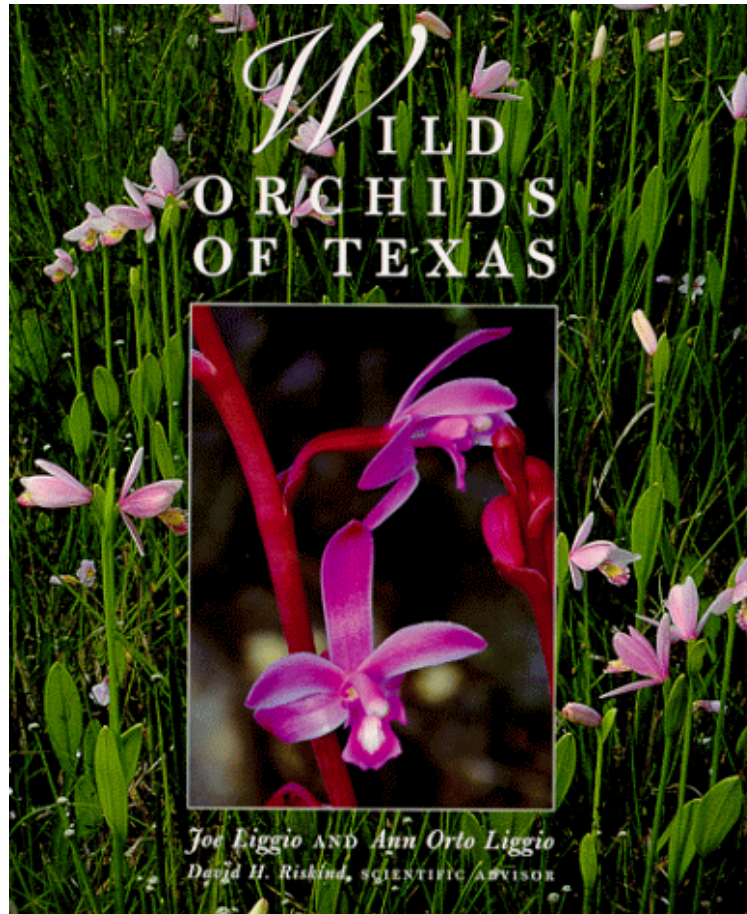


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Joe Liggio, Ann Orto Liggio : Wild Orchids of Texas (Corrie Herring Hooks Series) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Wild Orchids of Texas (Corrie Herring Hooks Series):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Fascinating and Well-Composed By cm2601I love this book. My only issue with it is that it can be very technical and not the best sort of thing to lend to a friend and expect them to enjoy (unless they're fellow orchid-people). Any orchid grower, especially Texans, will want to read this at least once. Other people might enjoy looking at the pictures, but the technical content would probably be of little interest to them. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Wild Orchids of Texas by Joe Liggio Ann Orto Liggio By Dr. Lawrence K. Magrath, Curator of the USAO Herbarium, University of Science Arts of Oklahoma (Consulting member of the American Orchid Society) This book is clearly a labor of love on the part of the authors, and is one that should be very useful to nature lovers in general, and both amateur and professional orchidologists. The photography is excellent, giving a feel for both the habitat and individual plants and flowers. There is only one very rare species that

is not pictured. The index is well done and quite useable. The authors have done a superb job of promoting the cause of orchid conservation -- including such things as "How to Save Our Native Orchids: What You Can Do" on page 5. They have a good general discussion of orchid life cycles, their habitats, mycorrhizal associations and pollinators. For those not familiar with Texas the inclusion of a vegetation map and a short description of each major vegetation type is very useful. Orchids are listed by: 1) flower colour, 2) by vegetation/habitat types, and finally species distributions by county are given. One orchid *Habenaria quinqueseta* does not have a distribution map, but since it was collected over 150 years ago, we shouldn't be too concerned. The only real lack that I have found is that there is no key to the genera and species given. This is an excellent book that every serious orchid species enthusiast should have in their book collection -- if only for the wonderful photography. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Brings the wild orchids of Texas to you By Larry S. Bonura The authors, a husband-wife team, combine their specialties to create an exciting experience for the reader. Joe is a biologist and photographer, and Ann is a writer. They have crafted a beautifully executed book. The writing is excellent; the photography is exquisite; the organization is wonderful; and the information is easily digestible for the lay person. The authors have spent years chasing down these delightful and beautiful orchids and now bring their beauty to you. The University of Texas Press has created a book of high quality and beauty with great color photographs. Fifty-four types of orchids are discussed and described in their natural habitats. Each of the regional sections are described and orchids living in each listed. Orchids are listed by flower color, genus and species, and scientific names. One appendix lists species distribution by county. The list of references and index add great value to the book.

Winner, Best of Show Award, Society for Technical Communication International From the East Texas swamps and forests to the Edwards Plateau canyons and the Trans-Pecos mountains, Texas hosts a surprising number of native orchids. Their exquisite beauty endears them to everyone from wildflower lovers to professional botanists and conservationists. This beautifully illustrated book presents all 54 wild orchids of Texas. The species descriptions that accompany Joe Liggio's lovely color photos discuss the plant's flowers, blooming season, pollinators, typical habitats, and range (also shown by map), including its distribution within and beyond Texas. The species are grouped by genus and also listed by color, county, and habitat for easy reference. In addition to the species accounts, the authors offer a general natural history of Texas orchids that discusses such topics as pollination and reproduction, special growing requirements, and threats to orchids from loss of habitats and careless collecting. They also describe the many orchid habitats in Texas and the species that grow in each. This wide variety of information, which has never before been collected in one volume for a general readership, makes this book the essential guide to Texas' wild orchids.

"Of all the state and regional books on orchids, this is the best that I have read. As attractive as it is educational, this book will stand as the bible of Texas orchids for decades to come." (Carl R. Slaughter, author of *Wild Orchids of Arkansas*) "Of all the state and regional books on orchids, this is the best that I have read. As attractive as it is educational, this book will stand as the bible of Texas orchids for decades to come." (Carl R. Slaughter, author of *Wild Orchids of Arkansas*) About the Author Joe Liggio's photographs and articles about Texas orchids and wildflowers have appeared in books, magazines, and calendars. Ann Orto Liggio is a freelance writer and editor. Scientific advisor David H. Riskind is Director of the Natural Resources Program of Texas Parks and Wildlife in Austin.