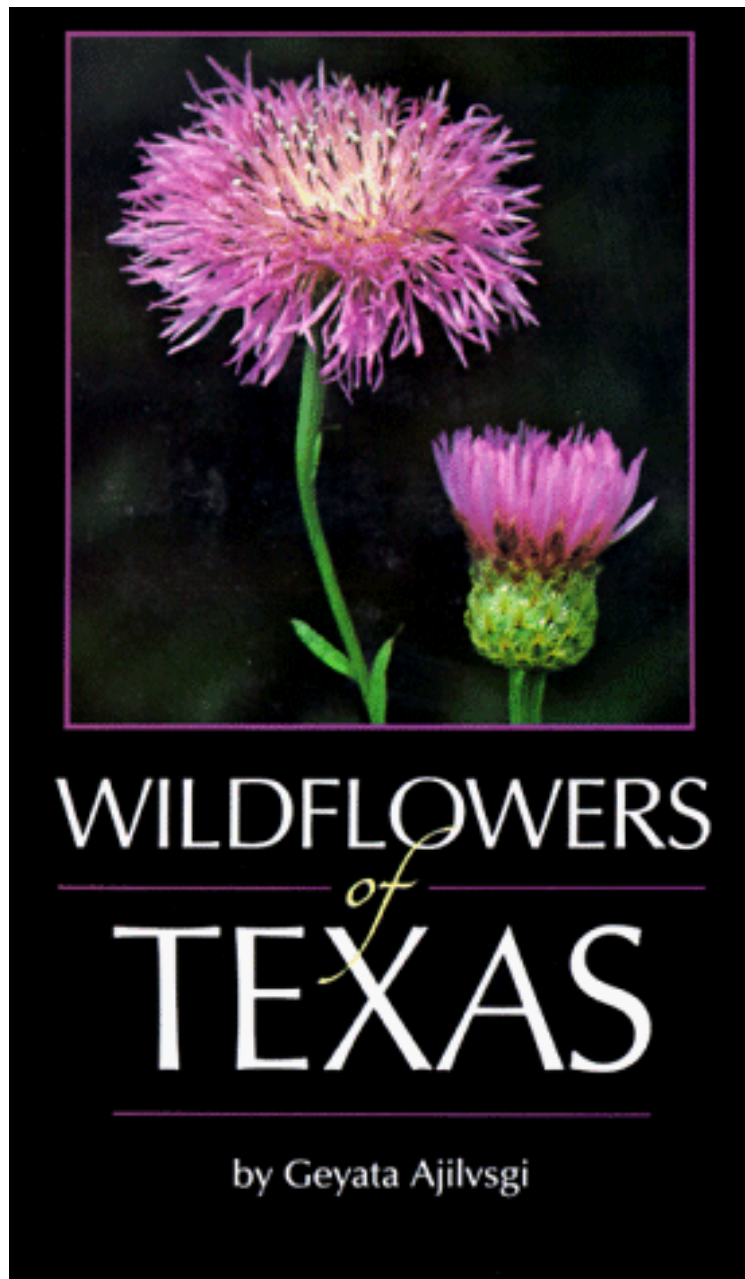


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Geyata Ajilvsgi : Wildflowers of Texas before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Wildflowers of Texas:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Explore and identify the world around you
By Meg Larson
I just moved to Texas last year and wanted to learn what the plants around me were. This is a great little field guide, and has helped me quite a bit in identifying the wildflowers around me. I bought a used copy from a private seller and the book I received was a very old edition (the copy I checked out from the library repeatedly before I broke down and purchased the book was a newer edition and had a few changes and more flowers in it) and it was a bit more worn than the description led me to believe, but it works. The book itself is great! It's very clear and concise, it's well arranged and pretty easy to find what I'm looking for. The edges of the pages have colors dividing them into sections so that you can look up a flower by the dominant color of its petals. I love this book and am glad I got it.
5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. one of the best, a wonderful resource on Texas wildflowers
By windup
This book has so many outstanding qualities:
1)an extensive number of species, which is no small task in a state as large and as geographically heterogeneous as Texas
2)excellent written descriptions with notes on everything including medicinal and native food uses, alternate names, histories of discovery, and garden suitability
3)clear photographs organized by color
The organization of the book is not always optimal for use as a field guide. At times I have had some trouble using this book to id a species and have turned to the internet first and then read the relevant entry from the book. If the book was to be re-edited for use as a field id, it would be helpful to use multiple indexing systems like the Audubon guides do. For example, the book could retain the descriptions and organization of the flowers by color and then include a second section with smaller thumbnails organized by leaf/plant shape or a section of thumbnails organized by habitat (ie a list of all desert flowers, a list of wetland flowers, a list of prairie flowers.) Even a small graphical icon at the corner of the photos which could indicate general plant size or leaf shape might help speed searches. I also wish there were entries to include species with ornamental berries. However, changes to the book might be difficult since it is already a large guide and it would be a challenge to find room for additional material.
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Wildflowers of Texas
By twalk, tx, usa
Love this book, learned and learning more each time I open it up. Some wild flowers I never knew the name of and love knowing what to call all the lovely and beautiful flowers. So glad to have found this book and that I bought it.

In her popular *Wildflowers of Texas*, native-plant expert Geyata Ajilvsgi gives lay readers the most comprehensive field guide currently available on the states abundant wildflowers. This latest edition contains information on 482 of the most common species found in the states major vegetation zones. Each entry includes a full-color photograph of the flower on the page facing the entry, bloom period, range and habitat, and botanical description. A special note in each entry explains the plants therapeutic, culinary, and other traditional uses, such as landscaping value. A color map of Texas shows the states major vegetation zones, corresponding to the range codes used in the text. Other supplementary material includes a glossary of botanical terms, an illustrated glossary of plant parts, and a selected bibliography for future reading.

From the Inside Flap
In this revised edition of her popular *Wildflowers of Texas*, native-plant expert Geyata Ajilvsgi gives lay readers the most comprehensive field guide currently available on the state's abundant wildflowers. With the addition of 105 species, the book now contains information on 462 of the most common wildflower species found in the state's major vegetation zones -- from the mountains in the west to the swamplands in the east, from desert to piney woods to coastal plain, from the Panhandle to the semitropical Rio Grande Valley. Each entry reflects the most current scientific knowledge about the plant, such as recent changes in taxonomic classification. Designed for ease of use in the field, the guide is organized by color -- the most obvious characteristic of flowers. The species are thus grouped into four sections: white-green, yellow-orange, red-pink, and blue-purple. Within each color section the species are arranged alphabetically by family, then genus and species. Information about each species includes its bloom period, range and habitat, botanical description, and other helpful facts. A special note in each entry explains the plant's therapeutic, culinary, or other traditional uses as well as its landscaping value. Alternate common names and the origin and meaning of the plant's scientific name are also provided, giving readers insight into the rich history and lore of botany. To simplify the identification of wildflower species in the field, a full-color photograph of each flower appears on the page facing the entry. The book's stunning photography is the work of not only the author but also some of the best-known nature photographers around the state. A color map of Texas shows the state's major vegetation zones, corresponding to the range codes used in the text. This enables the reader to determine at a glance the geographic range of a particular species. Other supplementary material include botanical and plant glossaries and bibliography.
About the Author
GEYATA AJILVSGI writes and photographs from her home in the Hill Country. Considered among the states top plant and butterfly experts, she is the author of *Butterfly Gardening for Texas* and many other books.