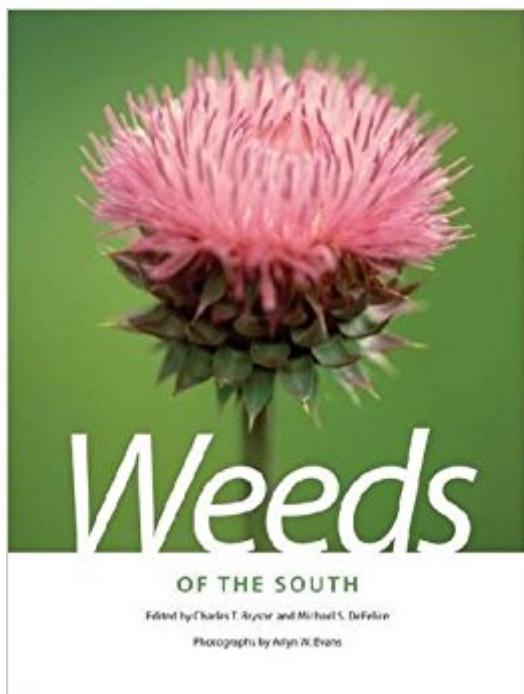


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

Weeds of the South is a 'must-have' for plant taxonomists, weed science students and practitioners, crop consultants, and natural world enthusiasts interested in the flora of the region. Outstanding photography and plant characteristics make for easy identification and classification of weeds.

(Robert M. Hayes Past President of Southern Weed Science Society) Cleanly formatted through years of endeavor, Weeds of the South is straight-forward and concise, and it provides an invaluable weed key to the Family level. This comprehensive and detailed identification guide, with its unsurpassed imagery and illustrations, will benefit southern weed scientists, crop and land managers, students, and botanists for decades. (James H. Miller coauthor of Forest Plants of the Southeast and Their Wildlife Uses) Weeds of the South is quite honestly the best publication of its type that I have seen. It brings together a superb combination of information on plant history, preferred habitat, North American distribution, and identification characteristics that is par excellence. The quality of the photographs alone makes this book well worth owning, and the key has been specifically created for those plants in this publication, making it well suited for anyone in the southeastern United States (David Shaw President of the Weed Science Society of America) The strengths of the book include the highest quality images I have ever seen in a book of this type, combined with concise taxonomic and botanical descriptions. Professionals interested in weed ID should have this book on their shelf or in their truck. (Tom Mueller Professor, Weed Science, University of Tennessee) This book is a valuable resource not only for those that deal with agricultural weeds, but for land managers, students, professional botanists, and others interested in the growing problem of invasive species across the landscape. (Castanea)

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I bought this book to add to the library at the county Master Gardener office. It is a beautifully illustrated book, but probably only useful to the horticulturist or botanist. While there are many pictures, few are of the subject in situ. Most of the work of Master Gardener offices concerns identifying things people bring in, or send us a picture of. Sadly this work is not of much use in that situation because so many of its illustrations are of seeds, what the weed looks like when it first emerges etc. There are few pictures of mature weeds in the wild. There is also the problem with selection. Prior to ordering the book I picked out a random sample of fifteen common weeds for my area. When I checked them against the weeds found in the book, six of them were missing. Granted this is far from scientific, but I have seen most of the missing weeds commonly around the south so I was perplexed by their absence. Perhaps a better title for the book would be "The Four Hundred Weeds of the South That We Like Best". Too bad, this book could have really been a star that appealed to a wide clientele.

It has nice images of the seed, seedling and flowers, but for some species images of the adult plant are missing which sometimes makes identification based on the provided images very difficult. Besides some of the most common weeds (here in Alabama) are missing especially from the Cichorieae tribe are missing.

This book is a must-have for anyone interested in agriculture, horticulture, ecology, or the outdoors in general! Contains excellent diagrams explaining morphological features, full color photos of every weed, including what the seedling looks like so you can identify it by the cotyledons alone, excellent descriptions, and key features for identification. This book is the only thing I like about my weed science class :P Well-researched, well-written, well-organized. A must-have.

I should have listened to the reviewer who said he could not identify the weeds in his area based on this book. I figured that he just did not know how to read the key information and was going just by the photos. But he was right: the book does not include many of the North Georgia herbaceous weeds that I was trying to identify, those that I could not find online information about. So this book is relegated to my reference shelf along with five other plant identification field guides and books. "Weeds" is well done for what it is, and no doubt it will be useful to farmers and those trying to

maintain pristine lawns, but it did not answer my questions. It was a lot of money for something that did not suit my needs.

This is a pretty thorough weed identification book, however the pictures are definitely lacking. Most pictures are of very immature plants which makes it difficult to accurately identify a good portion of the weeds. Surely there is a better book out there somewhere.

This book was filled with pictures but it was still hard to identify plants with. The plants in it were either too young or the picture was of a flower and not the whole plant. It really needs more fully grown pictures to go along with the seedling, flower pictures.

So far this has been the best book with the clearest actual photos of the weeds. I finally can identify plants I wasn't sure about or didn't know if they were poison or not. There are very detailed descriptions of each plant. Rarely do I find a book that covers so many of the plants in my area. It also shows where they are located all over the US and Canada. I would definitely recommend this book as a great asset in plant identification.

Weeds of the South appears to be written for people who are already familiar with agricultural botany. An entire page is dedicated to each type of weed, so there is some detail about the plant's characteristics. The book is useful if you want to exterminate the weeds while they are just popping out of the ground, but not if you want to identify them at a distance when they're full-grown. Most of the photos are close-ups of the blooms, seeds, and seedling plants. The book describes the toxic properties of each type of weed, so if you raise grazing animals it will be helpful. The photos are exceptionally clear, but almost never show an entire plant. The last section covers weed grasses. I was not able to figure out how the book was organized and had to flip through all the pages to locate pictures that matched the weeds I had in my yard. Several of my weeds (I live in Georgia) weren't in the book, but my county extension agent was able to identify them for me.

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