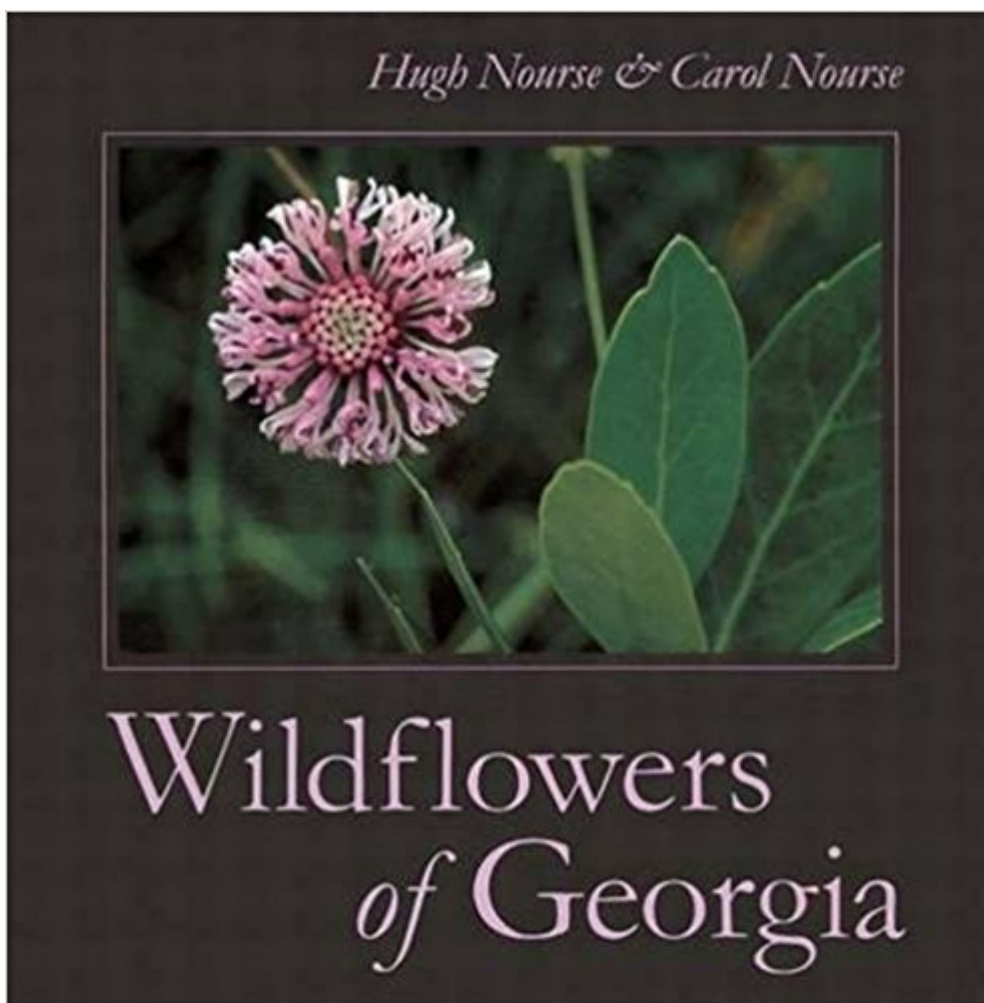


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Wildflowers Of Georgia



Synopsis

Wildflowers are among nature's loveliest offerings, and this book showcases the native flowering plants that are on display all throughout Georgia. For eight years, Hugh and Carol Nourse traveled the state, from the Coastal Plain to the Blue Ridge mountains and all points in between, finding and photographing wildflowers in their own habitats and in their best blooming seasons. The 86 vividly detailed photographs presented in this large-format volume capture the diversity and splendor of these sometimes elusive plants, many of which are endangered by human activities. Each photo is accompanied by a concise caption that provides common and scientific names, place and season photographed, and information on whether the plant is a Georgia protected plant. Armchair naturalists will not have to leave the comfort of their homes to appreciate this photographic collection of many of the state's wildflowers, but readers inspired to undertake their own search for these beauties will find suggestions for hiking trails and other sites to view wildflowers. Anyone who loves Georgia will treasure this book, and wildflower lovers everywhere will appreciate this beautiful depiction of the state's botanical diversity.

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Customer Reviews

Wildflowers of Georgia is a book for everyone from the expert botanist to those unfamiliar with our state's native plants. Through its publication, the authors will inspire in all of us a love for our native flora and a desire to protect and preserve it. (Greater Atlanta Gardener) Eighty-five of the most beautiful photographs imaginable . . . The entire book is a visual delight. (Atlanta

Journal-Constitution) Anyone who is a collector of books that feature nature photography will certainly want to add this one to their collection. This is definitely one for the coffee tables of botanical types. The preface introduces the authors' odyssey into their wildflower forays. It is well written, and I found myself wanting to meet the authors and go along with them on their searches. They make a great case for educating the public on natural plant communities, and their book provides a good starting point for the amateur wanting to learn a bit more about flowering plants and the ecosystems in which they reside. (Barbara L. Raffaill Association of Southeastern Biologists Bulletin)

Hugh Nourse and Carol Nourse are the authors of "Wildflowers of Georgia," "The State Botanical Garden of Georgia," and "Favorite Wildflower Walks in Georgia" (all Georgia). Both have been officers in the Georgia Botanical Society. They are also members of the Georgia Native Plant Society and volunteers in the Botanical Guardians Project for the Georgia Plant Conservation Alliance. They have been honored by the State Botanical Garden of Georgia for their volunteer work as photographers, and they received a grant from the Natural Heritage Program of the Department of Natural Resources to photograph rare plants for the program's image collection.

I rescued wild flowers native to Georgia when I joined the Native Plant Society and enjoyed this book. The photographs are beautiful and the book is informative.

A book of beautifully-presented photography by a pair of the regions foremost botanical photographers, this is a great coffee-table book and a basis for conversations and discussion, but does not present an in-depth description and discussion of the subject. However, from the title, the casual shopper wouldn't know this isn't intended as a field-guide.

nice photos but more of a coffee table book than I expected. I was looking for something more like a field guide, and found it later in Rare Plants of Georgia.

The photographs of the wildflowers are outstanding. My husband had done a lot of photography for years, and in working with him, I am very familiar with the hours of work that can be devoted to such nice photographs. We recently moved from an urban area to a very rural section of North Georgia, and this book is making me anxiously await spring so that we can hunt for some of those illustrated in Wildflowers of Georgia. I love it.

"Up close and beautiful"- Those words describe this botanical masterpiece. *Wildflowers of Georgia* is a feast for the intellect and the eyes. The book contains information relating to Georgia's wildflowers and their native habitats, as well as suggestions for hiking trails and other sites where one can view them. The common and scientific names of the plants, as well as location and season pictured, are meticulously documented. However, it's the high impact vivid photography that makes this work delightful. The authors spent eight years traveling the state searching out and capturing these flowers on film. They are as lavishly showcased as if in a floral show. For many of them the display may be a rarity. Human activity and development have placed their survival in danger. The eighty-six photographs presented in the book are divided into four physiographic regions. The authors introduce each region with explanations and anecdotal experiences. Their writing style gives the reader a feeling of comfortable companionship. One can sense community within these pages as we are invited to share in the camaraderie of viewing and enjoying Georgia's most colorful and dramatic resource.

This book would make the perfect gift for anyone who lives in Georgia and loves flowers, or for someone who has just visited Georgia and would like to take home a beautiful visual memory. The photography is wonderful, with some flowers shown close up and others as fields or wide views. The photos are grouped according to the section of Georgia in which they were photographed, and there is a wonderful introduction about the areas of Georgia and some information about the camera and lenses used.

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