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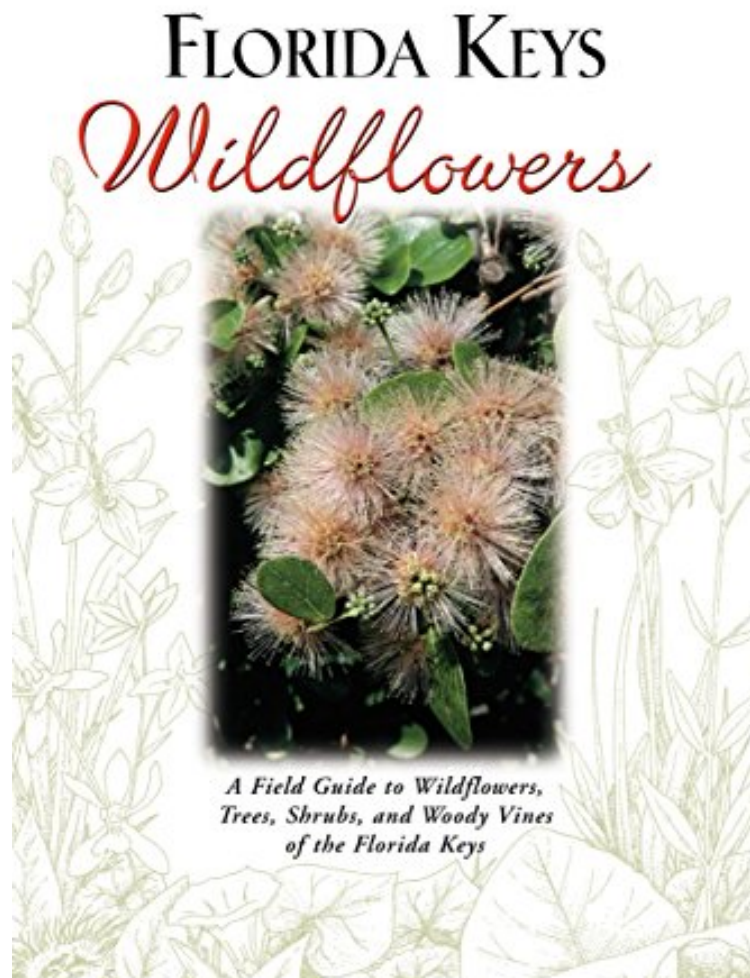
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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. DOES THE JOBBY StoneyEVALUATION FKW would only be a few pages long if it did not included plants already covered in Hammers Everglades Wildflowers: A Field Guide To Wildflowers Of The Historic Everglades, Including Big Cypress, Corkscrew, And Fakahatchee Swamps (Wildflowers in the National Parks Series), or flowering trees and scrubs. Unfortunately, most of the flowering trees and scrubs have inconspicuous flowers which are often visible for only a few days per year, or even only once every several years. Trees and scrubs are better identified by other characteristics. So, FKW adds little to "Everglades Wildflowers" and a good "tree book", such as Trees of North America. You can get ToNA for 1 cent on . In ToNA, some of the names of genuses have changed, but the illustrations are great, and the coverage is thorough. I found FKW worthwhile for the herbaceous flowering plants which are not covered in "Everglades Wildflowers", but many purchasers may not. PROS Great rugged binding---can survive field use. Great sharp clear photos, beautifully reproduced. Arranged by flower color, which makes narrowing down possibilities quick, especially for individuals with little botanical knowledge or experienceCONS The arrangement by flower color separates related species, and makes narrowing down possibilities difficult for those with botanical knowledge and experience. Moreover, flower colors of some species is variable. The "one photo per species" policy does not illustrate color or other variations. Many photos of the flowers only, and do not include leaves or stems which are often important to identification. The book is useless for identifying most of the plants when they are not flowering. The "Comments" (usually nearly half of the text) are about the Latin meaning of the genus and/or species names, which is interesting, but not usually useful in identifying plants. The "Comments" rarely mention closely related species which also occur in South Florida, and rarely contain information on how to differentiate the species from similar species. Click on Stoney just below the product title to see my other reviews, or leave a comment to ask questions.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book with great picturesBy janGreat book with great pictures. Love how it is divided by color, making it easy to find what your looking for when you are on a field trip.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy S. HeeterA much have for S Florida

This guide to the common wildflowers found in the lush Florida Keys features 250 beautiful color photographs. Detailed plant descriptions and line art aid in plant identification for botanists and novice enthusiasts alike. Each species description is accompanied by a "Comments" section giving lore about the plant, its uses, or its name.

From the Back CoverFlorida Keys Wildflowers is the ultimate field guide to wildflowers, trees, and shrubs of the ecoregion that extends from Soldier Key to the Marquesas Keys, including Dry Tortugas. Packed with vivid color photos and informative text, this valuable reference will help you identify and appreciate the unique and varied flora of this lush, tropical region. This easy-to-use guide features:A tough, water-resistant cover and extra-durable binding, made to withstand the rigors of field useDetailed descriptions and color photos of more than 300 plantsAn introduction to the habitats and ecology of the Florida Keys A glossary of botanical termsA primer on plant characteristicsFlorida Keys Wildflowers is perfect for the novice and expert botanist alike. Whether you are looking for the endemic Big Pine Partridge Pea, the elusive Ghost Plant, or the fragrant Spicewood, this guide will enhance your next journey into the captivating Florida Keys.