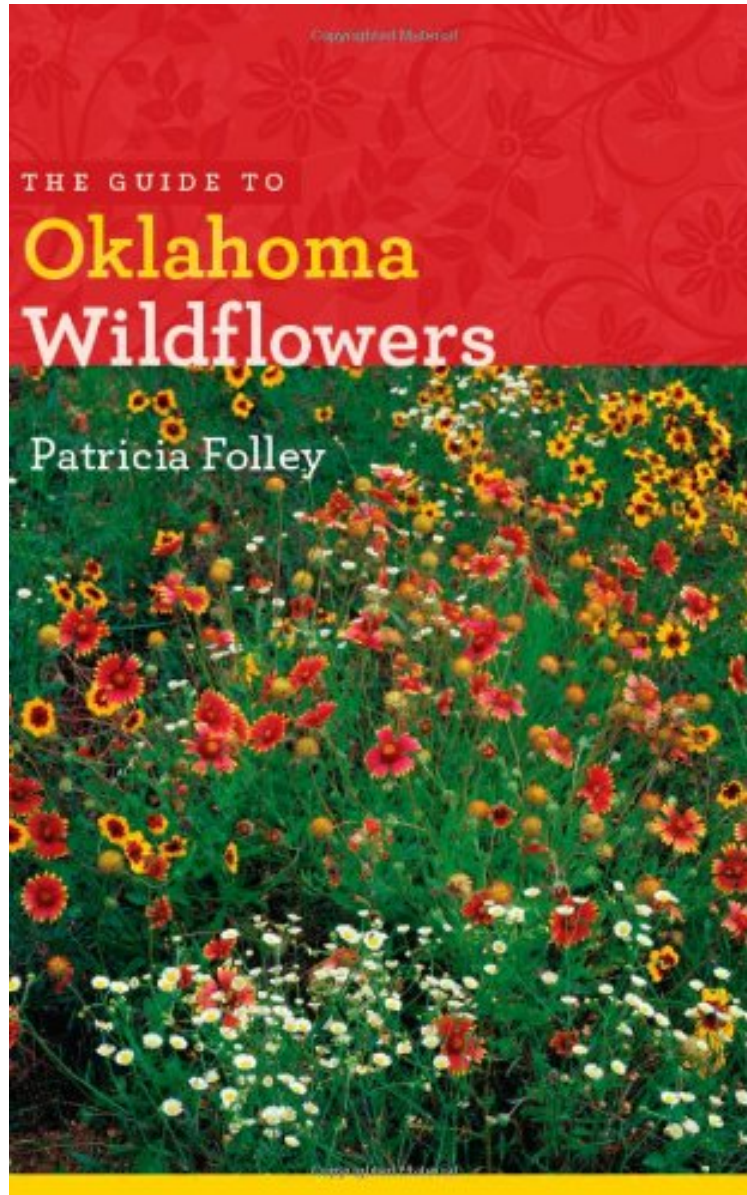


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that seem mostly out of focus, or in focus, but with a very narrow depth of field. Close-up pictures of flower blooms are most often shown with a narrow field of focus, so that the in-focus focal plane is narrow, often at the center of the bloom in distance, but with the nearest and farthest portions of the bloom well out of sharpness of the narrow field of focus. It is as if the pictures were taken in sunlight with a film of ASA 100, with an f-stop of roughly 4.5 (or less), and a very fast shutter speed. The viewer would have been much better served by using a higher ASA film, possibly ASA 400, with an f-stop of f16, and a shutter speed of 1/400th of a second. I hesitate to recommend digital photography, as I have a long background in film photography, but using the higher digital ISO speeds would have greatly enhanced the pictures, coupled with the auto focus of the digital camera--I mention this because even the several of the pictures of groups of flowers seem to have no discernible plane of focus. Please see the attached image "flowers" for a typical illustration of this. It is unfortunate that the indexing of the flowers does not point to a page, although this is not uncommon in Kindle books, it would be appropriate here. I can only hope that the print edition of the book possesses better images, but looking at the types of soft images in the Kindle edition, I believe this to be unlikely. The author has obviously worked hard and in a comprehensive manner to present Oklahoma wild flowers, describing them physically and their geographic zones and soil types. For this I commend Ms. Folley. Perhaps a re-photographing or careful selection of the available images would present a wonderful addition to the subject of Oklahoma wildflowers. Marvin Sebourn, osugeography@aol.com 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. It's beautiful, but I can't use it. By jofjones The photos are beautiful and the narrative helpful. So why only 3 stars? The only way to find a flower is by its name, and if I knew the name I wouldn't need the book. To anyone interested in Oklahoma wildflowers, I highly recommend Oklahoma Wildflowers by Doyle McCoy. Flowers are easy to find and ID, since they are grouped by colors. It's available through .0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. great book By Sandra D. like this book a lot... I enjoy going out in woods just to see if I can recognize plants.

With its Rocky Mountain foothills, hardwood forests, many rivers and streams, low mountains, sand dunes, cypress swamps, and wide swaths of rangeland and pastureland, the Great Plains state of Oklahoma is one of only four with more than ten ecoregions. Tallgrass, mixed-grass, and shortgrass prairies are native to large areas; rainfall and temperature are quite variable; and elevations drop from 5,000 to 300 feet. This diversity ensures that Oklahoma is host to hundreds of species of wildflowers, yet no guidebook to these botanical riches has been available in recent years. Patricia Folley's beautifully photographed and carefully compiled Guide to Oklahoma Wildflowers fills this gap.

Have you ever driven the roads of Oklahoma or ventured into its prairies and forests and found a plant you couldn't identify? The Guide to Oklahoma Wildflowers will help you do just that. Patricia Folley has combined beautiful photographs of both common and uncommon plant species with informative comments, thus making this book considerably better than most photo field guides. For anyone interested in identifying wildflowers, this is definitely one to be carried in the knapsack or glove compartment. Ronald J. Tyrl, emeritus professor of botany, Oklahoma State University