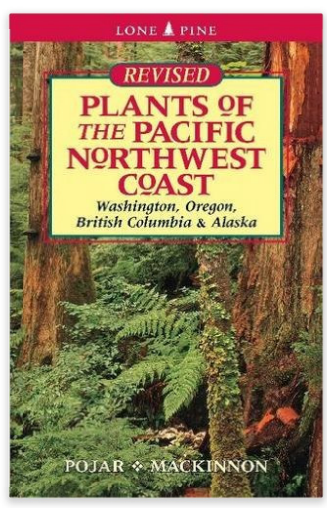


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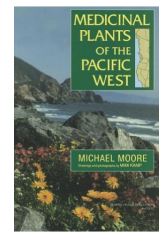
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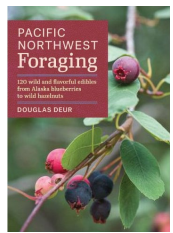
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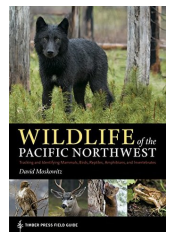
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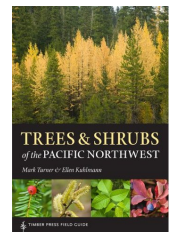
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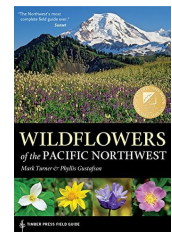
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Another reviewer complained that the book does not list common names in the index. This is just plain wrong. You can look up plants in the index by common name or scientific name, or you can browse through the photos until you get a match. You can also use the keys, which is the best way to learn about the relationship of one species to another, but I'm usually too lazy to work through the process. The way the plants are grouped, it's easy to narrow it down and find your plant.

My one complaint about the book is that it is sometimes difficult to pin down whether or not a particular plant is actually a native. This is usually implied, especially when they tell how indigenous peoples used the plants in everyday life, but I wish the plants were clearly marked Native and Non-Native.

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I was tempted to give this book a four star rating because I, so far, have found very few of the plants I've looked for in this book, but that wouldn't be fair to this well written book. The problem is that I live in eastern Washington and this book is about plants of the Pacific Northwest coast. Even though I camp and hike the Cascades quite often I still have some trouble finding what I'm looking for in this book. I've never seen so many plants in one book I can't find. But because this book is so well laid out, with so much excellent information, and so many excellent photos of so many different kinds of plants (and even trees) I have to give it five stars.

Even though this book is a chunk (I'm guessing about two pounds) I still can't help but take it with me on my excursions even when weight is a major factor. That's how well done this book is; the photos and information on every plant are unsurpassed. So, if you live, camp or hike on the Coast of the Pacific Northwest and want to know more about the plants around you I don't see not owning this book. I live on the east side of the State and I don't see not owning this book. I think it's a five star book for the novice (which I am) as well as the experienced forager (which I'm becoming, and I've heard experienced foragers praise this book. One held this book up and said "this is one of the best books you could own" and I thought, hey, I have that book). Call me crazy, but this book stays in my pack.

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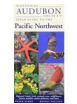


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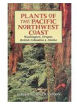


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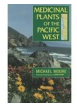
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