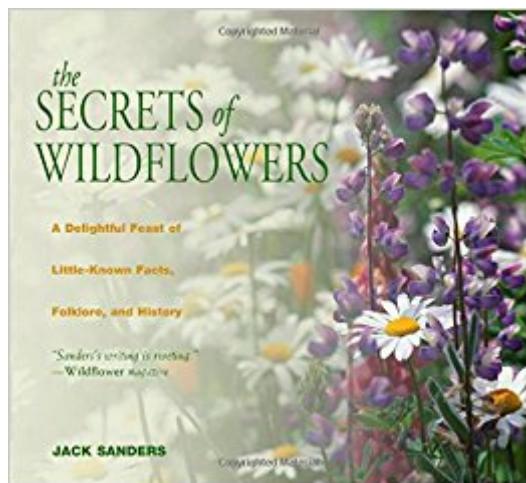


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# Secrets Of Wildflowers: A Delightful Feast Of Little-Known Facts, Folklore, And History



## Synopsis

The Secret of Wildflowers is a colorful tribute filled with odd, little-known facts and wonderful superstitions about some of North America's most beautiful and common plants. This book includes natural history, folklore, habitats, horticulture, uses for plants, and origins of names. More than 100 species of North American wildflowers are included and all are organized by blooming seasons.

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Jack Sanders is "One of the best things that has ever happened to wildflowers." --Smithsonian

Without wildflowers the world would be a pretty dull place. Few things in nature beautify the world more than wildflowers. Their countless colors and endless designs are found almost anywhere the sun strikes the earth "from fields to woods, deserts to ponds, and even in junkyards, dumps, and cracks in shopping-center parking lots. The Secrets of Wildflowers, Jack Sanders' colorful tribute, is bursting with odd facts and wonderful superstitions about some of North America's most beautiful and common plants. And this is just one of its many uses. You'll also find natural history, folklore, habitats, horticulture, ingenious uses past and present, origins of names, and even their literary pedigrees. Far richer and eminently more varied than any field guide, The Secrets of Wildflowers is one banquet no nature aficionado can pass up. Wildflowers are more than just

decorations. They are an essential part of our environment. They feed insects, birds, animals, and even humans. They hold together and condition the soil, they are the parents of our garden flowers, and they provide many modern medicines or the inspirations for them. How they work and what they do are often overlooked, and how they have been used has largely been forgotten. The Secrets of Wildflowers provides a thorough introduction to more than one hundred representative species of North American wildflowers. For more than 25 years, Jack Sanders has been one of North America's most ardent and colorful champions of wildflowers. His writing has for years elicited praise. "One of the best things that has ever happened to wildflowers," wrote Smithsonian magazine of Sanders' *Hedgemaids and Fairy Candles*. Similar praise has come from the likes of the New York Times, the Associated Press, and *Wildflower*. "He tells actual stories about rare and common plants and describes them in historical frameworks that make you want to run out and find them," wrote the Chicago Tribune. The Secrets of Wildflowers picks up where field guides leave off. It is destined to be an indispensable and well-worn addition to any library. More than a simple reference, this is a book that's meant to be read and enjoyed.

I love this book, and the author obviously loves the wildflowers he writes about. In case a flower should be unfamiliar to you each one is illustrated by a photograph taken by the author. He has chosen to include flowers which were not originally native to North America, because have spread and become familiar in this country. The book is divided into three sections according to seasons of flowering, and in each section they are arranged by blooming season. The best thing about this book is the amazing amount and variety of information that the author has gathered about each plant, explanations of the origins of Latin names, folk uses and names, information about related plants, historic references and much more. If you have even the slightest interest in the wildflowers that are all around us, if we only look, then you need this book

wonderful bits of information in it. Like the connection between bumblebees and the trout lily. Who knew? My only frustration is the size of the print....very small. But that won't stop me from reading the rest of it.

This is simply a wonderful addition to any library. I was looking for a native wildflower handbook with a little extra, but this surpassed my expectations. You don't need to be a botanist or a naturalist to enjoy this offering. It has tidbits of fascinating information about native U.S. wildflowers, from its history to medicinal uses to mythological lore. The layout is nice and there are many additional

artistic touches here and there to make it a pleasure to read. I guarantee you'll never look at a wildflower the same way after reading this little gem.

I'm currently reading the book and it's just full of interesting facts and lore about wildflowers. Great photos really add to the text. It's not too technical and it's not too simplistic. I'm a master gardener and I still am learning lots of cool stuff about wildflowers.

This is a wonderful book...beautifully written and wonderful photos...the book arrived damaged, however..and I had to use my copy as the gift and keep the damaged book....too much trouble to return it...the binding was broken despite being wrapped securely so I am questioning the delivery of it...otherwise I highly recommend this to any wildflower addict...so much info and just a beautiful book full of fact and folklore.

This book is FULL of information. I like my copy so much I had to get one for my daughter. Font is small, but the book would be very big if the font were bigger.

Unlike books that identify flowers. this book gives you their stories and information about them that I have never come across in any other book.

The book is informative and delightfully written. The photography is superb and the folklore and herbal medicine stories are great fun to read. I heartily recommend the book to anyone with even a passing interest in wildflowers.

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