

BOOK REVIEWS

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The Guide to Florida Wildflowers, by Walter Kingsley Taylor. 1992. 320 pp. Hardcover, \$26.95.

Dr. Taylor's book is organized by flower color, making it easy for the amateur to use as a field guide. It even has color-coding on the top of its pages for opening the book right to the color of the flower at hand. The introductory text about Florida's wildflowers, use of names, where to look, and how to identify is readable and informative. Each page depicts two flowers, each with its own color photo and description. Most of the 574 photos, some of plants never before published, include enough leaves to help in identification. My only complaint is that the index is in a type size that is smaller than teensy-weensy! Should you buy this instead of *Florida Wild Flowers and Roadside Plants* by Ritchie Bell? No, you should have them both. While some of the photos are of the same flowers, each book has many that the other does not, and the reference and guide use is different.