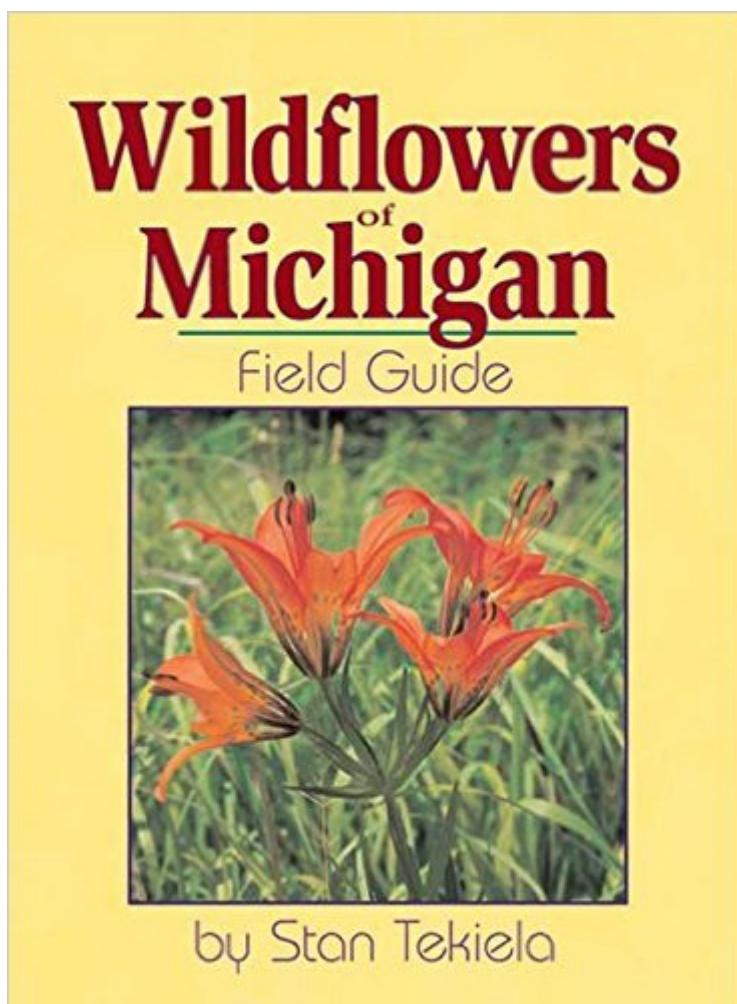


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# Wildflowers Of Michigan Field Guide (Wildflower Identification Guides)



## Synopsis

You've seen Michigan's beautiful wildflowers. Now learn to identify them. This is your field guide to 200 of Michigan's wildflowers. Full-page photographs and an easy-to-read format present the information that's critical to accurate identification. And the species are organized by color, so when you see a purple flower, simply turn to the purple section of the book. Wildflower identification has never been easier!

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## Customer Reviews

I find the books by Stan Tekiela to be useful and informative. I live in Michigan, and have used his book to identify a number of native and non-native wildflowers with the book. The 'Stan's notes' section for each plant has interesting information. It would be interesting to know what 'misinformation' is in the book (according to the review by 'a customer' - I am not sure what they are referring to. Even if the photos are not 'from Michigan', they are of good quality and can be used for identification of the flower. The small icons denoting different flower characteristics are also useful for beginning or confirming identification, as well as for distinguishing from similar species. Perhaps there are 'more useful' books on Michigan wildflowers, but of the half dozen or so I have used, this one ranks right up there with the best of them. If you work with Scouts or other youth groups and nature, this is a good reference book to take on a hike and add some interest to the actual identifications.

Book arrived in great shape and on time. It's filled with so much helpful info yet somewhat limited considering the vast number of native wildflowers that couldn't make it into this book. I find it unsettling to have non-natives as well as some invasive species listed as a Michigan Wildflower: not so . . .

I have a few issues with this book: First, there are some inaccuracies. One that stands out is the picture of white baneberry (*actaea pachypoda*). The picture showing the fruit appears to not be of white baneberry, but of white berried RED baneberry (distinguished by the lack of a thickened, red pedicel). This error is confounded because the text gets it right, saying that the fruit grow on a "fleshy, reddened stalk" (which you ~don't~ see in the picture, because it's the wrong plant). The pedicels of white baneberry thickens as the berries are ripening, so I don't think it's a stage of growth issue. Though less overtly "wrong", some of the flower color associations are confounding; for example, instead of being listed under pink, *echinacea* is listed under purple and *trifolium* is under red... perhaps because of the common names of "purple coneflower" and "red clover" instead of the actual color of the flowers (I certainly don't think anyone looks at red clover and says the flowers are red...)? There are other such oddities to be found. Another issue is that the scope of plants covered is quite small; there are just a lot of plants you'll not find in its pages. This would be fine, if it could just serve as a quick reference guide in the field, but it can't (at least for long), due to a very poor quality binding. Every copy I've seen (more than a dozen) that was heavily used (and by this I mean carried around in the field) is in tatters; not because of overt abuse, but rather due to flimsy binding. The benefit of a book like this is that its small size makes it easy to carry around with you, and if it's not up to this, then its utility is markedly lessened. There's no point in having this book at home, where a larger, more comprehensive book would be more practical. Still, there are many nice pictures, and I have used it and done initial identification with it, so it's by no means useless. Fix some mistakes, improve the binding and it'd be a nice compact book for casual use.

I found this book immediately useful. It helped me identify several "mystery" flowers in my wooded yard. (I am a new resident of Michigan.) The flowers are arranged by color for quick ID. The text also explains whether it is a native wild flower, a naturalized plant from elsewhere, etc. This book is compact (6x4 1/2 inches), so it is easy to carry along when walking in the woods. I wouldn't take a walk without it.

The book of Wildflowers of Michigan is a nice, quick reference field guide for quickly identifying the

items in question. Our entire family is enthralled with their large pictures and descriptive summaries!

I spent a few weeks in Michigan this summer and found this book to be a helpful guide to the state's wildflowers. I could walk through a field and identify a dozen different varieties in just a few minutes, thanks to this book.

I purchased this book as a quick way to identify wildflowers around our property. The book gives you a full page (pocket sized) of each flower, and is organized nicely by color, which is helpful. However, though most of the pictures are clear and focused on the flower itself, the leaves and stems in the picture are out of focus, making it impossible to use this book for a more concrete identification, unless you are already familiar with the flower (in which case you would not need the book). Before purchasing the book, I did not expect to use it to positively identify all flowers, but more for a few flowers that I had seen and did not know what they were and had not had luck using a search engine or other identification book ("tall red flower in the woods..." was getting me nowhere). This book is good starting point that shows the reader a good picture of the flower and name, which they can then use to research through other references if a more concrete identification is needed. All and all, a decent book, but lacks much for the serious wildflower identifier.

This is the best book ever on wild flowers. Its not quit pocket size but it does fit easily in a small pak. We love our Michigan vacations and are always wanting to know what plants are what, even poison. It is a field guide so pictures are limited but do show the picture of the flower clearly. It has also helped us grow native, nothing better then a Michigan garden.

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