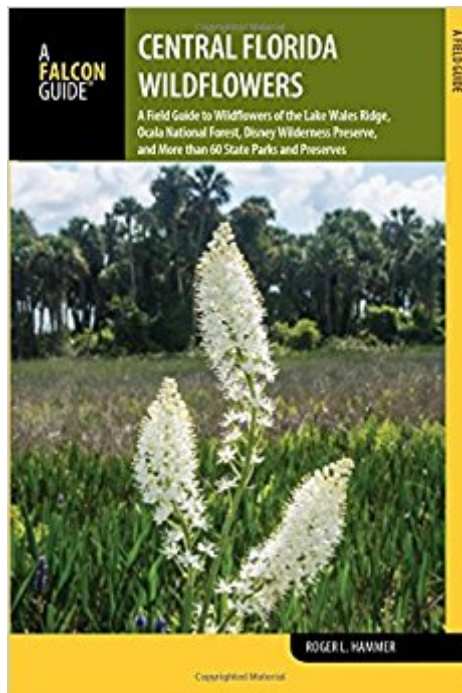


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# Central Florida Wildflowers: A Field Guide To Wildflowers Of The Lake Wales Ridge, Ocala National Forest, Disney Wilderness Preserve, And More Than 60 ... (Wildflowers In The National Parks Series)



## Synopsis

This guide features stunning color photographs of more than 300 common wildflowers from Ocala National Forest, Lake Wales Ridge, Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, the Disney Wilderness Preserve, and Archbold Biological Station. Detailed descriptions and full-color photos aid the reader in identifying plants in the field.

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## Customer Reviews

Since it was published in 2002, Roger Hammer's *Everglades Wildflowers* has been the gold standard for photographic wildflower guides for the southern half of Florida. Now comes his latest version of the guide, and if the first one was the gold standard, this one sets the platinum standard for such books for wildflower enthusiasts Florida Native Plant Society

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I see this as a must-have book, living on the Lake Wales Ridge and having an interest in wildflowers. The photographs are sharp and the flowers are organized in sections by color, which makes it a lot easier to ID something if you have no idea where to start. I have two criticisms, neither one a deal-breaker: (1) I would like to see more of the plant/leaves, in addition to the flower; and (2)

the index is alphabetized by the full common name, followed by the Latin name, so that you can find, for example, netted pawpaw under N, and bethany pawpaw under B, but nothing under Pawpaw. All in all, though, this is a great book to have for Central FL wildflowers.

I've bought several of Roger Hammer's books and field guides (including Everglades Wildflowers, and several of the laminated field guides), and am delighted with his latest book. Having it organized around the flower color gives me a starting point when identifying an unfamiliar wildflower. Having a concise description, along with bloom season and habitat, makes it easy to narrow down your identification. My copy of Everglades Wildflowers is battered and dog-eared from use -- looking forward to having this latest book equally well-used. (We've been on wildflower walks in the Everglades with Roger, and I can 'hear' his voice when I'm reading the comments, too.) I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in a deeper appreciation of Florida's natural beauty.

Great picture and many of the plants that are in my specific area. Well worth the money

Good pictures, but difficult to match photo to actual flowers in the wild.

great photos & easy to use in the field or as an at-home reference

Excellent reference book for my photography!

Beautiful flower pictures but not much foliage. Makes it hard to ID when not in bloom.

Roger Hammer of Homestead Florida has taken the lead in native flora field guides with this extremely fine publication. Never before have so many of central Florida's spectacular wildflowers been depicted and described in a single volume. This glossy-laminated field guide is the result of countless hours of planning and thousands of miles of travel, coupled with highly skilled photography, and backed by considerable scientific research. Approximately 381 native plants are presented, including many rare and endangered species, all in a beautiful, easy to find, and "simple to identify" format. Of special value to plant enthusiasts and botanists alike are the concise field descriptions, superb comments, detailed range data, and eloquent introductory narratives, all of which were meticulously formulated and framed based on the author's personal observations and experience. Most interesting is the etymology provided for each botanical and common plant name.

Every photo has been carefully composed to include information essential for accurate identification. The two words I have for this book are "Buy it!" [This review by Kris R. DeLaney, Plant Taxonomist / \* The Botanical Explorer \*/ central Florida; The "unedited" photos below (all of Roger Hammer) were taken by me during field work for the book].

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