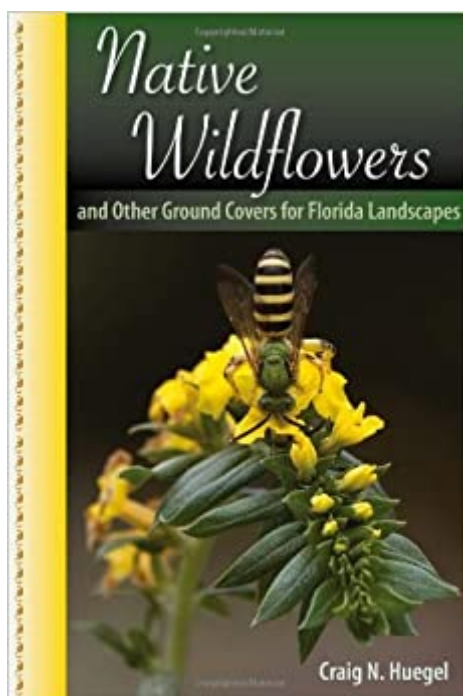


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# Native Wildflowers And Other Ground Covers For Florida Landscapes



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addition to the resources for people interested in these plants, whether they wish to grow them or not.â Daniel Austin, University of Arizonaâ In 1512, Ponce de Leon is said to have named our state âLa Florida,â the Land of Flowers, for the only real wealth he ever discovered. The peninsula is a treasure-trove of beautiful groundcovers, yet most Florida yards are planted with exotic species of turfgrass and ornamentals. Recent statewide water restrictions and a rekindling of environmental awareness have increased interest in native plants, which are better adapted to the local climate and require less maintenance. Floridians are beginning to appreciate the fact that such landscapes can be beautiful as well as ecologically and economically superior to what we have come to accept as ânormal.â In this engaging and authoritative guide, ecologist and avid gardener Craig Huegel offers valuable information to anyone interested in integrating native ground covers into an outdoor space. As many of the plants featured in this book are not frequently or adequately discussed elsewhere, *Native Wildflowers and Other Ground Covers for Florida Landscapes* is a singular resource for homeowners and commercial growers alike. Beautifully illustrated with nearly 300 color photos, this handy book provides clear instructions on how to garden with more than 200 native plants, including ferns, grasses, and an abundance of wildflowersâall commercially availableâthat work well together in a wide variety of configurations. If youâre interested in adding these beautiful, diverse plants to your garden or yard, pick up Craig Huegelâs latest book and start redesigning your Florida friendly landscape today.â Craig N. Huegel is an ecologist at Ecological Services Associates and cofounder of the Urban Wildlife Program at the University of Florida. He has produced ten video programs and several books including *Native Plant Landscaping for Florida Wildlife*.

A wonderful book! Whether you are new to Florida or a native Floridian, this book is absolutely invaluable. For years we have enjoyed taking a walk in a local park that has a natural hiking area. Additionally, we enjoy hikes throughout much of the state forest and other off the trail type places. One thing that has always rather annoyed me was my near total ignorance about many of the wildflowers I've encountered on those walks - you can only get away with calling just so many yellow flowers a "daisy". Others are quite lovely and still others look a lot like they might be related to domesticated flowers (wild orchid looks plants for example)...unfortunately, I don't know a thing about native Florida wildflowers - until now! This book is packed full of color photographs depicting oodles of flowers that I encounter on a regular basis. There is a short description and additional information...a bit more than a field guide but not exactly comprehensive. Still, very accessible. Wonderful book. Well worth the wait (I pre-ordered this and waited for the new release).

This is my go-to book when I want to plant something in the yard. I'm trying to become a haven for any pollinators near our yard. Craig Huegel introduced me to quite a few new flowers in this book. The flowers I have planted from reading this book have added much value for our birds and pollinators that visit our yard. They seem to really like Firebush which also attracts migrating birds when it fruits.

If you garden in Florida and care about local ecosystems, you need to read Craig Heugel's latest book on native wildflowers and ground covers. We're in the process of transforming our yard to native and Florida-friendly plants and his books (including Gardening for Wildlife published last year) have been so important!

Essential book for Florida homeowners that desire a bright, vibrant landscape that is full of life rather than the lifeless expanse of sod that likely came with your home. The book has excellent detail and fantastic photographs, allowing the reader to gain an appreciation for the magic of Florida's wildflowers!

This is the second of Craig Huegel's Florida Plant books that I've purchased in the last year. I would highly recommend them to serious Florida gardeners. Very helpful, wonderful photographs, superb writing. Just a joy to have in the garden library.

Easy to read/ well organized book for Florida gardeners. Huegel does a great job outlining the many great native choices available to convert some yard into a usable space for wildlife....

Excellent resource book! Use it all the time.

A wonderful reference of Florida-native plants. Excellent photographs of each plant make identification easy for novices and experts. Book arrived in great condition.

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