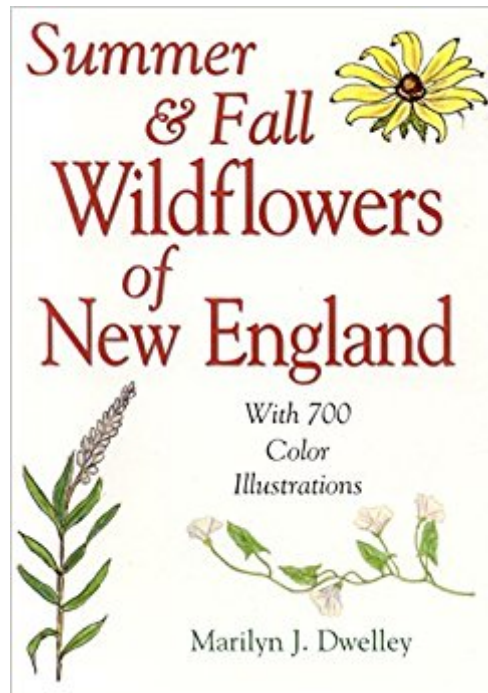




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Synopsis

Here is a revised, second edition of Marilyn Dwelley's indispensable guide to summer and fall wildflowers in New England. Each listing includes a thorough text description, as well as details about range, growth habits, and habitat. Includes Latin names and families, in addition to common names, and more than 700 color illustrations.

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good book

I bought this book because I own other Dwelley illustrated books, and I've become a fan and practitioner of botanical art and illustration. I wonder what this writer/artist/botanist is doing these days, as this book was originally written years ago. But it's as fresh and helpful today with incisive descriptions that point out each flower's differences from similar ones. Just a nice, nice little book.

The plants are separated by color. This makes them easy to find and thus, to identify. Descriptions, where to locate, and possible medicinal uses are good information.

this book is perfect!

I would have rated it 4* but the glue on the binding was weak so I had to drill lots of holes thru it 1/8" apart, sew fishing line thru the holes, and cover up the ugly thread with Gorilla tape to keep the pages from eventually falling out. A friend of mine has this book and recommended it highly, but her copy had the same problem and was actually falling apart. My only problem with the content is that the flower images are drawings rather than photos. Drawings are inherently less detailed than a photo, but the drawings do a good job of showing the petal count and shape, as well as the shape of the leaves. Most flower ID books using photos will focus too much on the blossom and not show the leaves, or the photo is taken from too far away so the blossom detail is lost. "Summer & Fall Wildflowers of New England" avoids both of these problems. When it was necessary to show a view that reduces to detail of the blossom, it often provides an inset of just the blossom so the detail can be viewed. Too bad the binding glue was so poor. Its content really deserved a 4* rating. I'm still glad that I bought it. The author's book entitled "Spring Wildflowers of New England" has the same positive and negative qualities.

I had to write this review because I have had this book for many years and use it all the time. I was looking it up to recommend to a friend and was surprised at the reviews. One reviewer said they didn't like the drawings versus photos. As a person who has looked at flowers in the field for many years, the drawings are much easier to understand and to use for identification. That is why I love this book. The combination of descriptions, colors and drawings has made identification much, much easier. I hate books with photos. The important identifying parts of the plants are not always clear and sometimes the entire plant is not shown. I have to agree with others about the binding. My copies now have loose pages but for usefulness, it rates a 5 from me.

I've been using this book for about 20 years. I've also got many other guides, illustrated both with photographs and drawings, but again and again I come back to Marilyn Dwelley's book as the best to work from for the species I'm likely to encounter in the field.

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