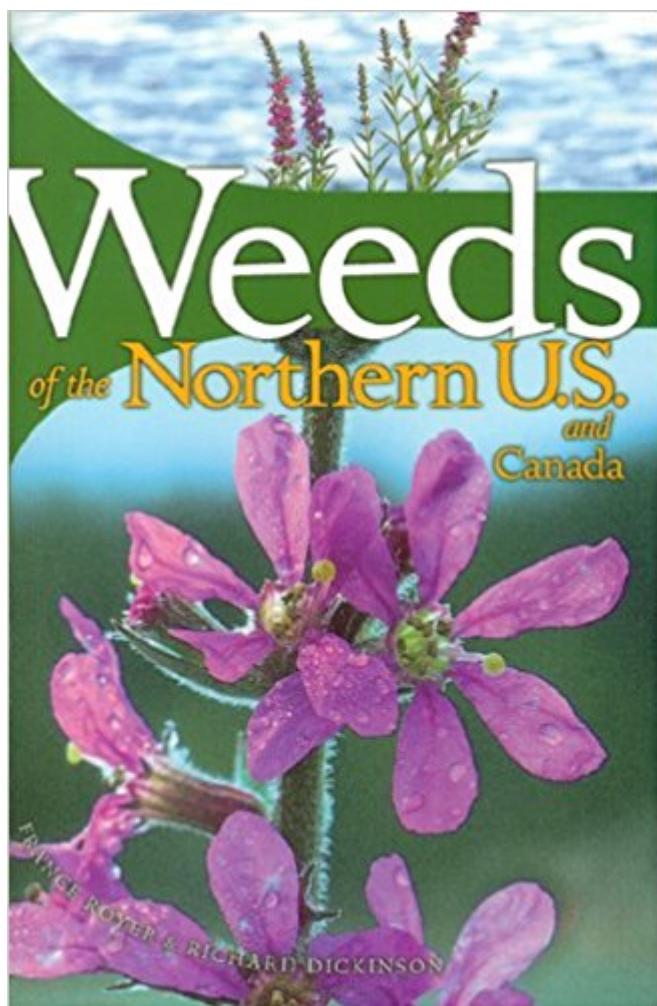


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# Weeds Of The Northern U.S. And Canada: A Guide For Identification



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France Royer is a self-taught photographer. Richard Dickinson is a research associate of the Royal

Ontario Museum and a graduate of the University of Alberta (B.Sc., Physical Geography). France and Richard have been working together since 1989 and operate a botanical and photographic service company. Their other titles with the University of Alberta Press are *Weeds of Canada and the Northern United States*, *Wildflowers of Edmonton & Central Alberta*, and *Wildflowers of Calgary & Southern Alberta*.

This book is a fairly good reference source for information on weeds, but not a useful tool for weed identification. The written information appears to be detailed and complete. I use it as a reference after I have identified a weed. I particularly like the "Reasons for Concern" and "Similar Species" write-ups on each weed. I am not fond of the pictures. Many of the pictures appear to be taken of the weeds in their natural state, against a dark background of dirt black or brown, or a multi-colored background of blurred flower companions, neither of which allow the weed's finer points to be clearly visible. The book is organized alphabetically by family, and includes an informative glossary. There is a color key to mature plants in the beginning of the book, which is useful if the weed to be identified is mature and in flower. Otherwise, to identify a weed, I page through the whole book to see if any of the pictures look like my weed.

Have had one for several years - it's by my elbow all summer and I just got one for my sister and planning on buying one for my son. I appreciate the knowledge about annual/perennial weeds and what kind of a root system they have and how they spread.

It's not quite as good as "Weeds of Canada and Northern US" (just kidding). The pictures are great and the book is easy to flip thought. Great for out in the field because it is so compact and feels more durable than a larger book. It's a great reference book, but it wouldn't be the book I choose for Saturday morning coffee on the patio.

Seems to be more about Canadian plants. Names not always the same as US names. Otherwise it is a good reference book

Excellent. Includes a lot of plants that I have not heard of and ones that I could not find in other books. Do recommend this book for any one interested in identifying and researching wild plants.

Weeds are categorized by families with plenty of pictures from seeds, seedlings to mature plants

which makes it easy to identify a weed at any stage. This book is easy to use and contains a lot of information about each weed on a two-page spread. Small enough to be taken out into the field. Contains a key for grasses as well.

Great book, well written

This is the first good weed guide with pictures that I have found anywhere, The only thing this book did not have was direct advice about how to get rid of a particular weed. I could infer some based on information about how the plant grows, but more direct information would have been appreciated.

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