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Field Guide To Coastal Wetland Plants Of The Southeastern United States



Synopsis

Offers an overview of coastal wetland ecology, describing eight major types in the south-eastern United States, from Virginia to Florida and west to Texas. More than 250 plants of tidal marshes and swamps are fully described, and over 200 others catalogued with distinguishing features.

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"A superb illustrated flora with clear line drawings by talented botanical artist Abigail Rorer. With more than 250 specimens fully described, one can identify any plant found in the coastal wetlands of the Southeast. An informative introduction covers the description of wetland plant communities. . . . There is an illustrated key to further enhance the manual. For species illustrated, Tiner provides description, flowering period, habitat, wetland indicator status, range, and similar species. A must for every library featuring botanical coverage or regional floras." *Choice* "Fills an empty niche for the interested layperson and wetlands ecologist alike. . . . This is a book that should be in the hands of everyone interested in the field ecology of the southeastern coast." *Quarterly Review of Biology* "A field guide worthy of its name. It is comprehensive and easy to use for identifying the majority of plants encountered in southeastern coastal marshes and mangrove swamps. However, with an informative chapter on coastal wetland ecology, accompanied by good photographs of significant wetlands, it is more than a field guide. . . . Unique to the book is the key (really a series of five keys that culminate in a major key *the illustrated key to flowering herbs*). This is a very usable way to present such material. . . . I recommend this book

highly." *Science Books and Films* "An easy-to-use, authoritative field guide for amateurs and specialists. . . . For those libraries that already own Tiner's guide to wetland plants of the northeast, this guide is essential to complete the coverage for the entire east coast." *American Reference Books Annual* --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Coastal wetlands are among our most valuable environmental resources, providing such benefits as flood and storm damage protection, water quality maintenance, and vital habitats for fish, shellfish, and other wildlife. In the southeastern United States, over 90 percent of commercial fishing involves estuarine species, and the region's multimillion dollar shrimp fishery is dependent on the viability of coastal marshland. After years of misuse, coastal wetlands are now recognized as a critical natural resource worthy of protection; both federal and state laws regulate their use throughout the nation. This attractively illustrated book is a field guide to southeastern coastal wetland plants. It is designed for nonspecialists and should be useful to biologists, planners, environmental consultants, landscape architects, naturalists, and students, as well as to the average reader. Intended primarily for use along the South Atlantic and Gulf coasts (from Virginia to Florida and west to Texas), it will also be valuable as far north as New Jersey, as far south as Mexico. The book will also be useful for identifying the majority of dominant species in nontidal wetlands along the Coastal Plain, since most freshwater tidal marsh and swamp plants are not restricted to coastal wetlands. More than 250 plants of tidal marshes and swamps are fully described and illustrated, and over 200 other plants are cataloged as similar species with distinguishing characteristics given. Easy-to-use nontechnical keys guide the reader in plant identification. The author also offers an overview of coastal wetland ecology and describes the eight major types of coastal wetlands in the Southeast. He furnishes maps showing the locations of coastal marshes and mangrove swamps from Virginia to Texas and lists places to observe coastal wetlands in each state.

Excellent guide for keying out wetland plants. The key itself is relatively simple, and the pictures are pretty accurate. The only drawback, which is just inherent in the field, is that identifying particular features on plants and matching them up in the book is somewhat difficult. Better descriptions up front would help this, i.e. simple vs. compound leaves.

I chose this field guide because of the positive reviews I had seen- it is a great resource for my wetland plants class, especially since it has keys to work with. Because plants are grouped by habitat, it takes a little while to get used to the organization.

This book was very well written and an extremely good guide for field identification of wetland and wetland type plants. I wish there were a few more color photographs, but the leaf ID drawings are excellent.

Thanks!

Good book

This text was given to me by a colleague and friend. With it I was able to identify a slew of plants of which I had imaged over the course of my doctoral research. This text was a life-saver and the drawings and descriptions are concise and excellent.

I bought this field guide when we moved into a house on the coast of North Carolina. It has been a great resource in identifying and learning about the plants, shrubs, vines, and trees on our waterfront property. We are here episodically, so we don't get a chance to see each plant through all its stages -- for example, I didn't know we had swamp azaleas until we were here one spring and I saw all the pretty pale pink flowers down among the pines, maples, and sweetgums. I immediately went to the guide and found a drawing of the plant along with a description of its habitat and growth habit. I am slowly discovering the wetlands that surround us with help from this good book. Thanks, Ralph W. Tiner!

As a biologist somewhat new to the Southeastern US, this great reference book met several of my needs, related both to teaching and conducting research. It is great to be able to ID plants, both terrestrial and aquatic, and this book really helps out with the flora occurring in the coastal wetlands. Very nice!

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