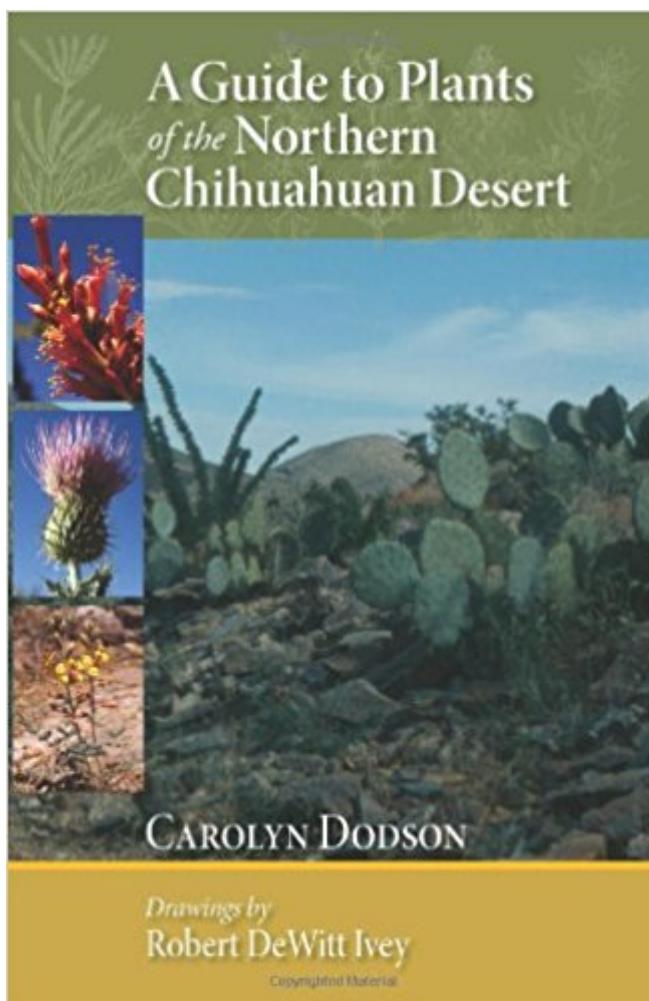


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A Guide To Plants Of The Northern Chihuahuan Desert



Synopsis

The Chihuahuan desert is the second largest in North America and its northern, or United States, portion occupies southeastern Arizona, southern New Mexico, and Texas west of the Pecos River. Hot, dry, and windy, the desert is home to a unique community of plants that have adapted to its harsh environment. Visitors to the area will find this volume a practical identification guide, offering descriptions of seventy-five representative species of northern Chihuahuan Desert plants. Each illustrated profile includes the plant's common and Latin name and a brief description, as well as its role in human history, its relationship to the surrounding flora and fauna, medicinal uses, nutritional value, habitat, toxicity, and other interesting facts.

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I'm using this book for my chihuahuan desert research and I'm finding it very helpful! It's arranged in a different way than other botanical books and I'm enjoying it.

Good resource for those who are embarking on a landscaping project.. Good pictures for identifying plants to determine what will grow in my area. Highly recommend!!

Excellent book, great pictures good information

Thank you!

Lots of pictures and interesting information. The organization of the actual plant is pretty good, but the information presented about each plant is not consistent or easy to find. Most entries do tell a little about the climate/habitat/ecology of each plant, but it's definitely not information you can easily scan and find if flipping through. The common names used are not consistent with those that many local botanists I have met use (I guess that's the problem with common names). However, it would be nice if she included some of the other common names that are used as well. For example, for the plant *Aloysia wrightii*, Dodson uses the name "Wright's beebrush". I've never heard anyone else use that name. The two common names I have heard (from at least 10 different people) are "Spicebush" and "Oreganillo". This book is nowhere near comprehensive, so don't expect to use it to as a true field guide.

The book has great pictures and some interesting history but is far from comprehensive, failing to include any grasses and very few invasive species and while I liked that it would mention that certain plants had medicinal qualities it never said what those qualities were ie: relieves pain, relieves nausea. A good book for beginners, disappointing for those with a more advanced knowledge of plants and ecology.

Nice descriptions and pictures, but there are several mistakes in this book, so you'll want to double check against more reliable sources for accurate identification. I bought as a gift, and the recipient loved it.

wonderful information

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