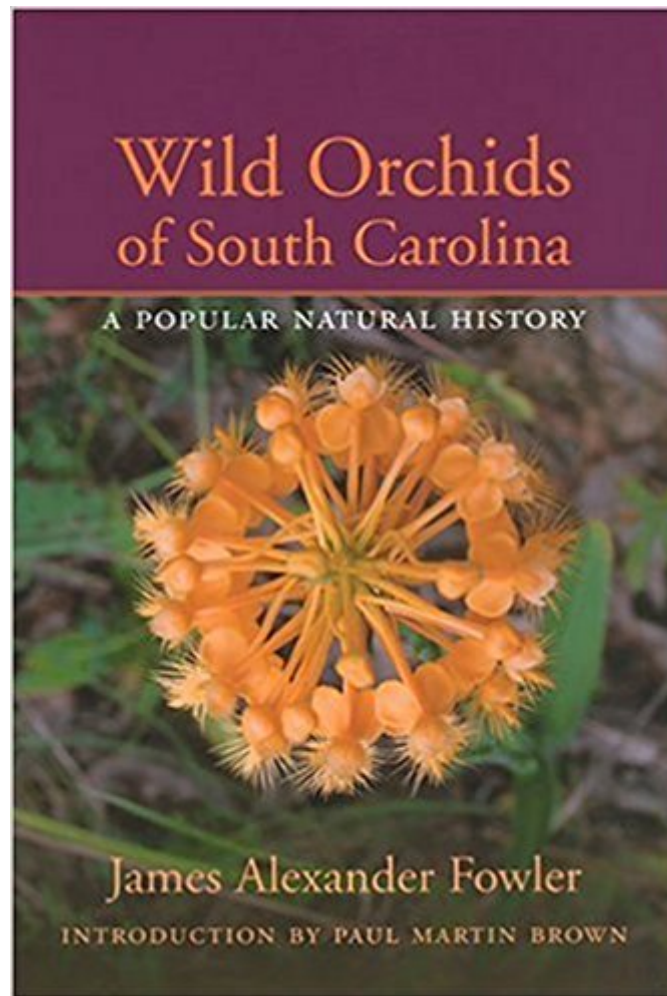




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# Wild Orchids Of South Carolina: A Popular Natural History



## Synopsis

Orchids in any setting make for a beautiful sight, but native orchids growing in their natural habitats offer an especially rewarding view for plant enthusiasts, naturalists, and nature lovers of all ages. South Carolina hosts a rich potpourri of these enormously popular wildflowers, thanks in large part to its unique position as the lower boundary of more northerly species and upper boundary of species found in Florida and the gulf states. In *Wild Orchids of South Carolina*, James Alexander Fowler captures with spectacular photography and encyclopedic knowledge the full glory of the state's native orchid population. From the bogs and bays of the coastal plain to the mountain woodlands, Fowler catalogs rare and widely distributed species, offering a wealth of information for identifying these prized plants. In addition to providing photographs of each species, Fowler includes common and scientific names, flower descriptions, bloom times, ranges, habitats, pollinators, and refreshingly candid personal observations about the orchids as he encountered them in the wild. yellow lady's slipper orchids (*Cypripedium parviflorum* var. *pubescens*) and of locating the rare monkey-face orchid (*Platanthera integrilabia*). Paul Martin Brown, a nationally renowned botanist and wild-orchid specialist, provides an introduction to the volume. He explains South Carolina's significance in the larger context of North American orchid habitats and prepares the reader for the striking display of beauty and information assembled in this volume.

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James Alexander Fowler was born in Bennettsville, South Carolina. As a child, under the influence

of his father and maternal great-grandmother, he developed an interest in wild-flowers. An independent botanist and computer systems analyst, Fowler holds B.S. and M.A. degrees from Clemson University. He lives with his partner in Greenville, South Carolina.

Great pictures for those that identify plants as they hike

Love the book. shipped out and received quickly. Thank you

A very nice and intimate look at South Carolina's orchids. Fowler's photographs are Excellent!

Very informative!

Photos and text are outstanding. The closeup photos and descriptions are first class. I would recommend this book to anyone in the southern USA who is interested in native orchids.

A must have compendium of SC species presented in a first-hand accounting of one man's remarkable journey with these plants. Each has a photo of a grouping in situ and closeups of floral parts, there is room for notes and extensive explanations of habitat needs, personal observations, recollections and recommendations for where you might find the plant. This is an exceptional book and I highly recommend it. I recently had an opportunity to correspond with the author and his intoxication with our wild orchids is contagious and enlightening.

This book is for anyone interested in native plants in South Carolina. The research is solid, and the book is well written. But it is the stories and the pictures that will stay with you. It's a highly informative book that is rooted in the both the history and the future of each flower. Beautiful photographs provide a firsthand viewing of all the known native orchids in South Carolina. It is a superb book.

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