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A Naturalist's Guide To Wetland Plants: An Ecology For Eastern North America





Synopsis

A nontechnical illustrated guidebook to the ecology of freshwater wetlands in Eastern and Central North America.

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Customer Reviews

This is a great introduction to wetlands ecosystems! This book begins with an introduction to what a wetland ecosystem is and how it works, giving examples of wetlands in various parts of the US. Each type of wetland ecosystem is presented with a list of plants and fungi found there described in moderate detail, including their niche in the ecosystem. Plants and fungi that may have special interest to the reader are examined in more detail at the end of this section. This book also covers the year-round changes in this ecosystem, tips on observation, specimen collection, and on keeping a nature journal. A section at the end of the book offers various activities and investigations that the reader may find interesting and helpful in understanding more about this threatened ecosystem. This book would be a great read for anyone who is interested in nature, wetlands, or being a naturalist. It is not so detailed that beginners would be overwhelmed and not so simplistic that a moderately experienced naturalist would find it too light. I checked it out of the library but immediately ordered my own copy! I especially recommend this title to anyone who is interested in nature journals or just plain learning more about the world around them.

I have only begun reading this book, but I already know that this will be a common find in my hand. The beginning chapters lay out wetlands for basic understanding and the plant descriptions and illustrations work well to identify plants. What a great find.

If you need some basic information regarding a particularly wet area and how to manage it, then you might consider this book. No color pictures and not as many plant drawings as I would have liked for identification purposes but the text is very informative. Nice overall.

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