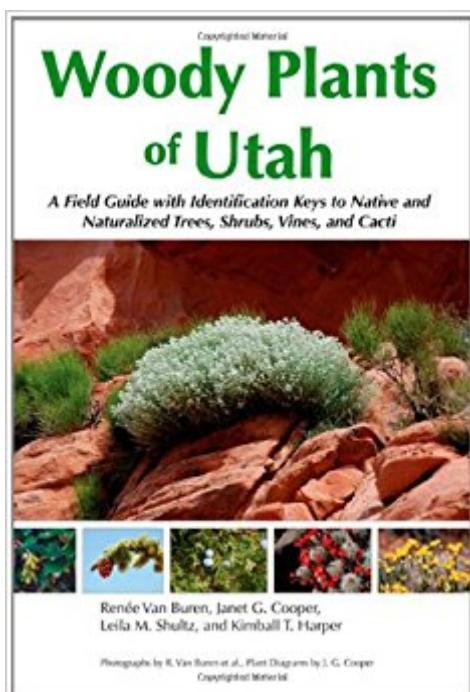


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# Woody Plants Of Utah: A Field Guide With Identification Keys To Native And Naturalized Trees, Shrubs, Cacti, And Vines



## Synopsis

A comprehensive guide that includes a vast range of species and plant communities and employs thorough, original keys. Based primarily on vegetative characteristics, the keys don't require that flowers or other reproductive features be present, like many plant guides. And this guide's attention to woody plants as a whole allows one to identify a much greater variety of plants. That especially suits an arid region such as Utah with less diverse native trees. Woody plants are those that have stems that persist above ground even through seasons that don't favor growth, due to low precipitation or temperatures. *Woody Plants of Utah* employs dichotomous identification keys that are comparable to a game of twenty questions. They work through a process of elimination by choosing sequential alternatives. Detailed, illustrated plant descriptions complement the keys and provide additional botanical and environmental information in relation to a useful introductory categorization of Utah plant communities. Supplementary tools include photos, distribution maps, and an illustrated glossary.

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## Customer Reviews

The authors have done a good job writing for amateur botanists (or in their words "hobby naturalists and curious wanderers") and professionals as well. The book is packed with information about Utah's fantastic flora. I enjoyed reading its comments. The etymology of scientific names added value and the glossary read well. The taxonomy is current from my perspective. "Noel H. Holmgren, Senior Curator of Botany, Emeritus, New York Botanical Garden and Coauthor of *Intermountain Flora: Vascular Plants of the Intermountain West*

This book is good but the reason for 3 stars is that the pictures don't really help with identification, or look different than the majority of plants I've seen in the wild. Also, the major problem I have with this book is that the descriptions aren't always good enough to really be sure that you are looking at the right plant, there isn't enough detail about the plant. The descriptions can be vague and generalized to the family level and not to the species. Even with these problems though there is a lot of good information in this book that can lead you in the right direction. The book looks nice and is organized well but you might have to do more research to be sure of your identification.

This is a great book! I love how it is formatted- by family. It is PACKED with information. I love how it describes the basis of the scientific names, or what they mean in Latin. I think it really helps you remember the scientific names as well as identifiable features. Not only comes with a description of each plant, a habitat/range of each, but also extra comments one should know, great pictures and a small map with icons indicating where it occurs in Utah. Probably one of the best plant books for Utah out there. I only wish they had one for grasses and forbs!

This book has beautiful photographs, extensive descriptions, and easy to use keys. It makes identification of trees and shrubs and cacti (over 400 species in Utah!) amazingly easy. The discussion of habitats and vegetation zones is well written and very informative. Recommended for hikers, serious students, and anyone interested in knowing more about the landscape in Utah.

This is a handy little book! I have used it to key out about 100 or so different plants. It is easy to follow, and the section that describes each plant individually helps a lot. I'm pleased with my purchase.

This is what a field guide should do to encourage those who enjoy exploring the flora of Utah. It fills the space that many good floral guides have to exclude in any detail. It covers the subject in a way that even I as a dedicated novice can understand. I'm sure that some lifetimers will enjoy borrowing my copy.

Very in depth, user friendly way of being able to identify plants around you in Utah. The key is very thorough and intuitive. The authors are definitely experts in their fields. I would recommend this book to novice botanist as well as experts.

It is a nice reference for woody plants of Utah including common names, families, genus, and species.

Very nice

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