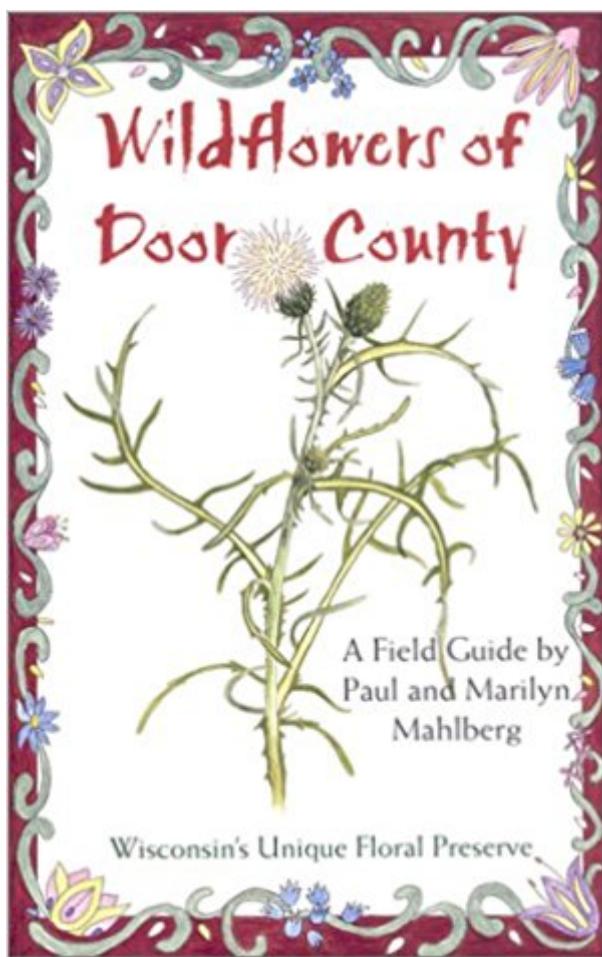


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# Wildflowers Of Door County: Wisconsin's Unique Floral Preserve



## Synopsis

Door County, Wisconsin, is a place of tremendous scenic beauty and appeal with 250 miles of shoreline, ten lighthouses, five state parks, and over a dozen county parks and conservation areas. Its unequaled number of wildflower species makes it special enough to deserve its own field guide. Despite the fame of Door County and the great diversity of its flora, an adequate book to help outdoor enthusiasts identify its wildflowers has not existed until now. This simple-to-use guide contains nearly 400 watercolors, all painted from Door County specimens. Illustrations are grouped by flower color to aid in recognition; within each group, flowers are arranged in taxonomic order. Labeled drawings of plant parts and a glossary are included. Even the least experienced nature lover will find *Wildflowers of Door County* an easy and precise guide, while for the wildflower aficionado it provides floral and descriptive details unavailable in other guides. Visitors and residents alike can better experience Door County's wonders and richness with this book in hand. The husband-and-wife team of botanist Paul G. Mahlberg and artist Marilyn Waite Mahlberg were inspired by their love of Door County to locate and write about (Paul) and portray in ink and watercolor (Marilyn) the approximately 375 wildflowers in this field guide. They live in Bloomington, Indiana, during the academic year, where Paul is Emeritus Professor of Biology at Indiana University. In the summer the couple resides in Door County, Wisconsin. Royalties earned from this book will be donated to the Door County Land Trust.

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## Customer Reviews

As a teenager, PAUL G. MAHLBERG's decision to become a botanist was stimulated by summers at Door County's Kangaroo Lake. Now retired from the biology faculty at Indiana University in Bloomington, he continues to do research on secretion by plant cells. Artist MARILYN WAITE MAHLBERG is an active member of the Bloomington Area Arts Council and the Peninsula Arts School in Door County. Since retirement she has devoted her efforts to oil painting and to ecological activities, with a particular interest in the preservation of ecologically important areas of Door County. Their love of Door County inspired the Mahlbergs to locate and write about (Paul) and portray in ink and watercolor (Marilyn) the approximately 375 wildflowers included in this field guide. They live in Bloomington, Indiana, during the academic year, and in Door County, Wisconsin, in the summer.

Very nice field guide by Paul & Marilyn Mahlberg. Purchased this after my first ever visit to Door County as I was seeing several plants there on my visit I couldn't identify. Can't wait to go back and take this guide with me! In the meantime I am really enjoying just browsing through the beautiful pages. Very easy to use....I am finding that this guide is even somewhat useful in identifying some plants even down here in Southern Indiana.....definitely a book I will be using for years to come.

The book is organized by color and includes a wonderful colored drawing of every wild flower included along with a brief description. Includes description of parts of plants, a glossary, and an index. This book is great for a reference. While the descriptions do say what months the wildflowers are in bloom, it would be helpful for me to see an overall calendar of all the wildflowers by season.

Excellent! Amazing illustrations. Much appreciated!

Easy to use and to identify wild flowers.

Wonderful book. This little gem arrived as advertised and in great condition.

Very helpful in identifying wildflowers as we travel Door County

This is an excellent reference book on the wildflowers of Door County, Wisconsin. It's simple in the best sense of the word: somebody put a lot of work into shaping and organizing the content so that the book is easy to use. I love the four pages of line drawings at the front of the book, illustrating leaf

arrangements, leaf shapes, and leaf parts. Most of all, I love that the book is organized according to flower color. If you're looking at a wildflower that you can't identify, turn to the section of this book, marked by thumbnail color codes on the outside of the pages, and begin leafing through flowers of that color. Usually each page contains two flowers, including description, Latin name, family the flower belongs to, and a color drawing. Highly recommended.

It is obvious that this gem-like book was created out of love of the subject. The author-illustrator team have included every wild flower of the Door County peninsula (the Cape Cod or Monterey of the Mid-West- depending on your perspective.) The book is conveniently organised by the color of the flowers. I found this to be remarkably easy to use for quick identification. The entries include the common name, scientific name, the family, a detailed written description, habitat type, flowering season, and whether it is native or introduced. The most remarkable thing is that every single watercolor illustration was done fresh from personally observed specimens. This eliminates the "copying of mistakes" that goes on for generations that you find in some reference guides. Finally there is a section of excellent line drawings of plant parts, as well as a convenient glossary of botanical terms. The profits from the sales of this book go to the Door County Land Trust.

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