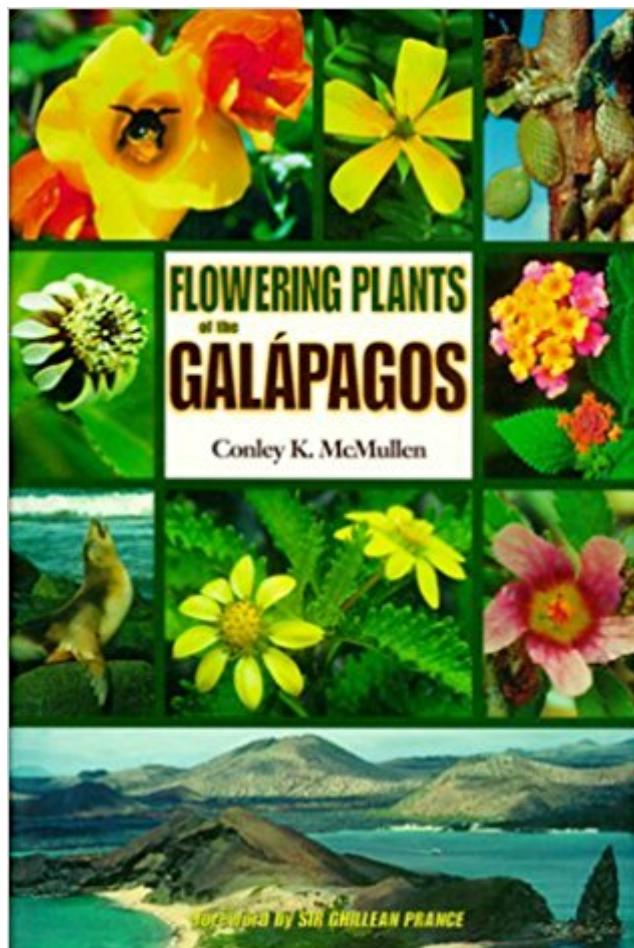


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Flowering Plants Of The Galapagos



Synopsis

The Galápagos are home to a wide-ranging assortment of unusual plants and animals. The islands became famous as the site of Charles Darwin's research leading to his theory of evolution by natural selection, and their magnificent flora and fauna continue to draw visitors from around the world. Based on the author's sixteen years of fieldwork and featuring his exceptional photography, *Flowering Plants of the Galápagos* is the first accessible, in-depth yet compact guide to the plant life of the area. An invaluable resource for tourists, natural history enthusiasts, and professionals, the book:^{*} introduces the botanical history of the islands and their varied ecological zones^{*} allows easy identification of 436 flowering plants (77 families, 192 genera, and 390 species)^{*} covers endemic plants found exclusively on the islands; native plants, which grow on the Galápagos and elsewhere; and exotic plants present as a result of human actions^{*} offers thorough accounts of the plants which give the scientific, common, and family names; range; islands inhabited; habitat; description; and additional notes of interest^{*} is richly illustrated with 266 color photographs of flowering plants and 117 of plant pollinators, vegetation zones, non-flowering plants, and the islands themselves^{*} organizes species by form, leaf arrangement, and flower color and includes descriptive plant drawings to aid in identification * provides a map of the Galápagos and a list of plants likely to be seen at popular tourist sites

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Arrived as expected. Item was exactly what I ordered. Excellent experience.

Good reading and picture that help a lot

This book was new and came in the original packaging. Looks like a good guide for Galapagos flowering plants and I can't wait to use it next semester.

It would have been a lot easier to have been a naturalist guide in the Galapagos if we had only had this book. This is a treat and a treasure! The plant life of these incredible islands has been overshadowed by the antics of the wildlife and threats of El Nino. They can now take front stage with this useful guide that even a novice will find easy to use. The pictures are beautiful and the descriptions accurate. For those that use this book, they will be introduced to a special world that has been ignored. Conley - you have made all Galapagos Guides very happy!

Excellent book to identify the flora of the Galapagos Islands as easily as 1-2-3. Easily used by the specialist and non-specialist interested in flowering plants. The introduction provides an overall view of the history, geology, climate and evolutionary adaptation of plants to the various habitats found on the islands. The main portion of the text is arranged by plant color as well as plant stature such as herbs, trees and shrubs which allows for easy identification of an unknown flower specimen. The identification provided for each species included a physical description along with photograph and the natural history of the plant. Because of the number of the plants established on the islands not all plants are included, so other text will have to be consulted for the real unknowns, but a majority of the plants a visitor will come in contact with are listed.

I found the "Flowering Plants of the Galapagos" to be a very useful and user-friendly flower guide. The discussion on how to use the guide was thorough yet simple enough for the botanical novice to understand the information. The "Introduction" section was helpful in acquainting the user with the general characteristics of the archipelago and the vegetation zones of the islands. This section not only assists the reader in knowing where specific plants may be located, but also gives some insight into the ecology of the plants. I found the key to be one of the most straight-forward and user-friendly that I have used. Even the most botanically challenged individual could easily work

through the logical progression of choices offered in the key. The amount of information given with each plant is also a positive attribute to this guide book. The author clearly outlines the range of the plants and lists the islands in which the plants inhabit, which is a very useful piece of information. The habitat is given along with a thorough description of the plant. Lastly, the additional comments offer a nice touch of the plants natural history, use, or some other piece of interesting trivia. I thought the author did a superb job of presenting the amazing flora of the Galapagos in a simple, easy to understand fashion that any visitor could appreciate. Lastly, the quality of the photos truly add to the attractiveness and effectiveness of the book.

A very good book on the flora of the Galapagos Islands as the endemic plants are just as fascinating as the birds and reptiles. They have a great story to tell. Easy to use and the guide on our trip recommended it.

I have been intrigued for years by the plants, animals and birds of the Galapagos. Not only have I found the perfect field guide for flowering plants written by Dr. McMullen but, in addition, this book will serve a dual purpose as a guide for my own visit and that visitors to my home will find it on display among my favorite and frequent references. The pictures are beautiful with detail and clarity. Keep up the great work Dr. McMullen and I hope your obvious hard work and labor continue to bear fruit.

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