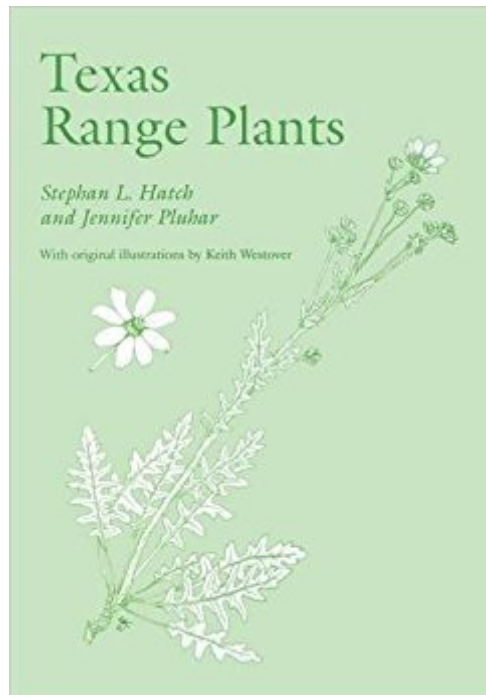




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Texas Range Plants offers a handy and attractive identification guide for the soil conservationist, range ecologist, amateur botanist, land appraiser, college or high school student, 4-H member or leader, and rangeland manager. The book describes and illustrates the 140 grasses, forbs, shrubs, and trees that are economically important on Texas rangelands because of their important forage characteristics, poisonous attributes, or "weedy" or aggressive nature. Each plant is described in detail, in both technical and lay terminology, and depicted with a line drawing that clearly shows the plant's gross morphology and the characteristics necessary for identification. Latin and common names, habitat, longevity, season, origin, value to wildlife and livestock, and growth characteristics are listed for each plant. In addition, any poisonous properties are included, along with items of special interest and folklore about the plants. Additional illustrations detailing various types of plant parts and characteristics and a complete glossary to the technical terminology make this book a valuable learning tool for the interested lay person and the student of botany alike.

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A&M University. Jennifer Pluhar, who lives in Canyon Texas, is a range management consultant, with interests in cattle feeding and livestock investments, and a 4-H leader who has worked extensively with 4-H and FFA youth plant-identification teams. Hatch and Pluhar are in charge of the University Plant Identification Contest at the annual meetings of the international Society for Range Management.

Many of the plants in the book I remember from our ranch but didn't know what the name of it was. Have enjoyed looking at the plants and remembering or trying to remember where I'd seen them. Have spent time on ranches in Colorado and Texas so the drawings of various plants were helpful to me. Anyone involved in farming or ranching would do well to have this book as a reference. I have thoroughly enjoyed this book and recommend it highly.

I was happy to find a reference book to cover many of the plants not covered in wild flower, tree, or shrub field guides. In some of the field guides they will say that this so-and-so plant may be "poison". If a plant is poisonous this book will tell you what the compound is and how much it takes to kill your cows, sheep, or goats. The illustrations are black and white pencil drawings so its not just a flower with a fuzzy green glob. You can make out the leaf and stem shape. The author can get technical for me sometimes but most anyone can get lots of info here. Also, I didn't know there are so many kinds of grass.

This is a great supplement to any library of someone who needs to identify plants in Texas. It isn't all inclusive, but there are very few books that come close to being all inclusive. It's helped with some plants that weren't in other books in my library.

This book is well illustrated and can serve as an excellent resource for those wanting to know about range plants. This book would be useful to ranchers, students, laymen, and technicians. If one wanted to carry just one book to the field to identify and learn basic things about a variety of plants, this would be the one.

The book is good but the sketches make identification very difficult for the layman. I should have gotten a book with photographs. The book is virtually useless to me.

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