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# Cacti Of Texas: A Field Guide, With Emphasis On The Trans-Pecos Species (Grover E. Murray Studies In The American Southwest)



## Synopsis

One hundred thirty-two species, subspecies, and varieties of cacti may be found in Texas. About one hundred of them occur in the state's Trans-Pecos region, one of the most cactus-rich areas of the United States, but at least one kind can be found in every county of the state. This volume is an identification guide to the genera, species, and varieties of Texas cacti, with maps showing the distribution of each. Based on the comprehensive reference *Cacti of the Trans-Pecos and Adjacent Regions* (2004), by A. Michael Powell and James F. Weedin, this field guide provides briefer, less detailed treatments of the entire state's species for educated general readers. More than three hundred beautiful full-color photographs of the cacti in flower and in fruit, each placed with its description in the text, highlight the book. Readers may identify cacti using color photographs of the plants, keys, distribution maps, and descriptions of the vegetative characters, flowers, and fruits. The introduction is full of details about the biology and morphology of the family Cactaceae and the uses, horticulture, and conservation of cacti is an important reference for general readers. A glossary of cactus terms, an exhaustive list of literature, and a thorough index complete the book. This guide was designed for use by naturalists and hobbyists as well as serious students. Visitors to the national parks, state parks, and other natural areas of Texas will find it essential to identifying the cacti.

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I encounter a lot of cacti regularly, and I like to identify what I see. In checking out all the cactus books available this one seemed to be the best. I like the range maps, and if the cacti are in bloom, this book makes identification pretty easy. The only problem I have is that I am looking at cacti and wanting to identify them all year, not just when they are blooming. And therein lies my problem with the book. I wish the photos showed more of the vegetative aspects of the plant, or showed them more clearly. Apart from that, all the information provided has enabled me to achieve pretty certain

identity on the ones I've encountered. Maybe if you are more up on your technical botanical identification skills the book would probably work better for you than it does for me. I do still like the book and am glad I bought it, because it is specific to the state I live in, and it is thorough, which is very helpful. It just takes me more time and energy to make my identifications than I would like to spend.

This is a very good book describing all the different cacti in Texas. It does so in a detailed manner with many very good pictures. Why I give this book 4 instead of 5 stars is that this book is too big to carry, along with every thing else, on a hiking trip to the wilderness. There are other guides that do not go into the detail this book does but are smaller and would be easier to use on a camping trip.

This is a compact, well designed book, more useful than its forebearer 'Cacti of the Trans-Pecos and Adjacent Areas' that was written by two of the same authors. Images are clearer, although much of the text is similar. This is a good field guide.

Good book, also in great condition.

All OK.

I ordered this for my husband, and he is very happy with it, I will be placing more orders with in the future!

If you love Cactus, and love Texas Cactus even more this is the field guide for you. It is very specific and even has great maps.

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