Note: Some older books are out of print but are often available as used books

Plant Information, Field Guides, Botanical Keys-Specific to Montana

**Bitterroot: The Montana State Flower.** Jerry DeSanto. Lere Press. 1993. In depth look at the famous plant of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, chapter on cultivation included. (out of print)


Plant Information, Field Guides-Regional

**Alpine Wildflowers of the Rocky Mountains.** Joseph F. Duft and Robert Moseley. Mountain Press Publishing Company. Missoula, Montana. 1989. Pocket field guides for alpines are hard to find, especially with good photos. This is a great compact guide, full of information and excellent photos. (out of print)


Grassland Plants of South Dakota and the Northern Great Plains. James Johnson. South Dakota State University. 1999

Lewis and Clark’s Green World. A. Scott Earle and James Reveal. Farcountry Press. 2003. Seasonal color photos with complete botanical description of each plant, quotes from Lewis’s journal and others.


Series of field guides of wildflowers of the northern Rockies, by the late Dr. Dee Strickler of Whitefish, Montana. Handy, non-technical guides with remarkably sharp photos.

Alpine Wildflowers. Showy Wildflowers of the Alpine and Subalpine Areas of the Northern Rocky Mountain States. The Flower Press. 1990.


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