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Plants (DK Visual Dictionaries)



Synopsis

Come explore plants from the inside out! This visual dictionary looks at all kinds of plants and how nature uses them.

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Customer Reviews

Grade 6 Up-- "Visual" is the operative word. Lush illustrations are organized under categories to explain types, structures, and functions of species within the plant world. Full-color displays cover topics such as fungi and lichens, gymnosperms, roots, leaves, fertilization, dryland plants, etc. Each section begins with a general overview; extending and complementing that basic description are carefully labelled illustrations and photographs. The specialized botanical vocabulary is not watered down, and the photographs effectively illustrate each term. This is not a dictionary for novices, since the explanations are not extensive enough to inform fully the uninitiated and there is no glossary. Still, the striking illustrations could easily stand alone for browsers. --Steve Matthews, Foxcroft School, Middleburg, VA Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.

A splendid addition to the "Eyewitness Visual Dictionary" series, with hundreds of outstanding color photos and drawings, all extensively labeled. Beginning with a discussion of characteristics of the plant kingdom, this logically organized volume presents plantlike nonplants (fungi, lichens, algae)

and then proceeds up the phyla: liverworts and mosses; horsetails, club mosses and ferns; gymnosperms and angiosperms. Plant parts and processes (roots, stems, leaves, flowers, fruits, pollination, photosynthesis) are then discussed in greater detail; information on classification concludes the book. Though the text is technical, almost every aspect is illustrated, and each term and topic is detailed in the index. Visually beautiful and unusually complete: an excellent choice for reference and circulation, made especially accessible by index's more than 3,000 entries.

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Here is a basic but helpful botany book recommended for anyone looking to get better acquainted with plants. It is geared towards beginners but even if you know something about plants it may still fill in some gaps. As the title implies, it is easy-on-the-eyes, with a combination of photos and diagrams with arrows pointing to the various plant parts. A simple effective way of learning plant information, especially suited for the visual learner. It is the kind of book where you could spend 5 minutes reading a page and gain some useful plant insights. It is also very helpful to help learn how to identify plants as a large portion of the book elucidates the various structures that are used in field identification. I don't mean you can use it to identify specific plants, but rather this will teach you the structures necessary when using plant field guides. It also includes some non-plants such as algae and spore-producing plants such as mosses and ferns. While this book is a bit dated (1992) most of the information is still relevant. For some reason, they tend to use the more scientific terms for plant parts, even when the less scientific term is more commonly used (such as lamina for leaf blade). But no worries, the common term is there in parenthesis. This is the kind of book that you look through and when you find a subject you find interesting, you then find a more advanced book or online resource on the same topic, to further your education. But this volume will at least give you a little substance on many plant aspects. I like that this book covers the basics of plant phylogeny (evolutionary relationships) and then goes on to discuss specific groupings (such as gymnosperms), plant physiology (i.e., fertilization) and the most of the anatomy and physiology of plants to help obtain a fuller understanding of these important and lovely organisms. Another favorable quality of this book is that since it is dated, there are copies on (and likely elsewhere) that the main cost is just the shipping.

I've taken classes in botany and plant identification and find this Dk visual dictionary to be a great book to leaf through to visually refresh what i've learned. This particular DK Visual dictionary appears to be rather more advanced than most in the series... Also, it's a visual dictionary, so don't

expect detailed discussions. With that said... The pictures are great. The labeling clear and accurate. Although I am *not* a botanist, it appears scientifically sound and reasonably sophisticated. I would recommend this to anyone taking an intro to botany or an advanced middle school student with a keen interest in botany.

Excellent resource book for learning more about the botany of plants to identify them better. Plenty of full color, well taken photographs for clear illustration and examples. Very informative for the student of any age, for schools, homeschool, or personal reference collection.

Excellent book. Very thoroughly shows the cross-section of different flowers and their individual parts. Large pictures of plants help understanding of their construction. I recommend it to all.

This is another visual delight in the DK Publishing tradition. This is a superb introduction to botany. It covers the major plant divisions (phyla); parts of plants and their respective tissues; explains (visually of course) processes like photosynthesis, pollination, germination; vegetative reproduction, etc. which occur in plants; and also looks at Seaweeds and Fungi which are not true plants but often studied alongside. Tiny details which would be impossible to see with the naked eye are magnified and clearly identified. Lots of terms are clearly defined and it is all beautiful. There is also a helpful plant taxonomy in the back of the book. This book will increase the wonder at, and enjoyment of the plant world for readers of any age. Toddlers will be fascinated by the illustrations and anyone who can read will be compelled to read the text around them to find out what he's looking at. A great book

Informative and fun look at some of the many things that grow

The labeled images and descriptions are great.

More geared toward children than adults, but I bought this for myself as a quick reference when I'm reading some of my more text dense books. This book is helping me learn and retain more knowledge than just text alone. And it is a good book to sit down and look at with my toddler, who isn't allowed to touch mommy's plants. He loves pointing to the pictures then at my plants!

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