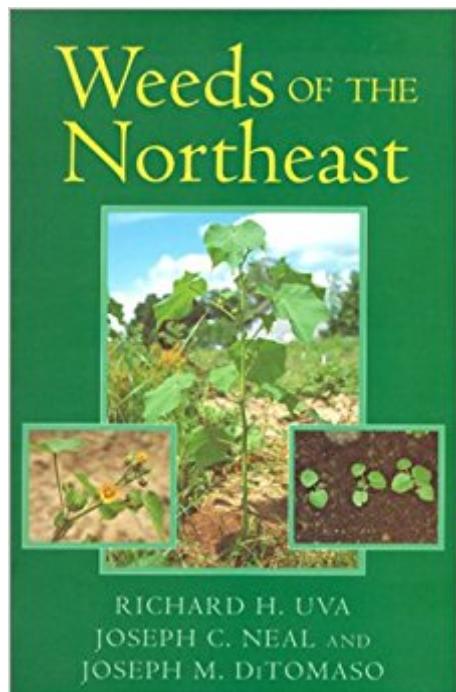


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# Weeds Of The Northeast



## Synopsis

Here, at last, is a lavishly illustrated manual for ready identification of 299 common and economically important weeds in the region south to Virginia, north to Maine and southern Canada, and west to Wisconsin. Based on vegetative rather than floral characteristics, this practical guide gives anyone who works with plants the ability to identify weeds before they flower.\*A dichotomous key to all the species described in the book is designed to narrow the choices to a few possible species. Identification can then be confirmed by reading the descriptions of the species and comparing a specimen with the drawings and photographs.\*A fold-out grass identification table provides diagnostic information for weedy grasses in an easy-to-use tabular key.\*Specimens with unusual vegetative characteristics, such as thorns, square stems, whorled leaves, or milky sap, can be rapidly identified using the shortcut identification table. The first comprehensive weed identification manual available for the Northeast, this book will facilitate appropriate weed management strategy in any horticultural or agronomic cropping system and will also serve home gardeners and landscape managers, as well as pest management specialists and allergists.

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## Customer Reviews

"I highly recommend Weeds of the Northeast if you ever happen to be in a masochistic mood and don't have a sharp stick handy with which to poke yourself in the eye. As I leafed through the pages, wincing at the depressingly clear color photographs, a horrible sense of familiarity set in. Ninety-nine percent of the weeds were in my garden. It was like looking at a family album of all your least

favorite relatives. There was mean and scary Great-Aunt Margaret (Scotch thistle); passive-aggressive Cousin Isobel with the mustache (hairy bittercress); Uncle Ralph with the drinking problem and disgusting table manners (prostrate pigweed). Despite the feeling of nausea that gripped me, I was able to gather much useful information of a scientific sort. As Nietzsche said, that which doesn't kill me makes me stronger, and so I suppose my encounter with an army of unnaturally Å ber-weeds could be looked at as an exercise in character-building."•Horticulture, Jan/Feb 2005"This impressive factual Weed Identification Manual, the first ever compiled of the Northeast, is thorough and well designed. . . . This is a distinctive book and reference guide on weeds, one that will be welcomed in a library, school, garden club, a gift for friends, and definitely a copy for yourself."•News of the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State"This detailed and user-friendly guide identifies nearly 300 weedy plant species commonly found from southeastern Canada south to Virginia and west to Wisconsin. Sharp color photographs illustrate each plant in seed, seedling, and mature stages. In addition, plants can be readily distinguished using an identification key based on vegetative characteristics such as leaf orientation, leaf shape, and presence or absence of hairs. A handy fold-out chart helps with identification of those tricky grasses. Weeds that can be identified easily by characteristics such as thorns or milky sap are listed in a series of 'shortcut' tables."•The American Gardener"The appeal of Weeds of the Northeast is broad, ranging from home gardeners to professional gold course managers to farmers. The book deserves a slot in the reference library."•American Reference Books Annual"Weeds of the Northeast is the first comprehensive weed identification manual available for the northeastern region of the U.S. . . . The manual will facilitate appropriate weed management strategies in horticultural or agronomic cropping systems and will also serve home gardeners, landscape managers, pest management specialists, and allergist."•Weed Technology"Lavishly illustrated and exceptionally well-done. . . . Here is a model to be emulated for California and other weedy areas of the United States and Canada."•Taxon 47"This is a thorough and well-designed book that's been needed for a long time. The system of having both drawings and photographs accompanying the description of each plant will be of great help to amateur gardeners as well as to professional growers and horticulturists. The identification tables are also very useful."•Elisabeth Sheldon, author of A Proper Garden: On Perennials in the Border"Knowing your opponents is the first step in weed prevention. Weeds of the Northeast is businesslike and well photographed•a useful tool for the conscientious gardener."•Barbara Damrosch, author of The Garden Primer

I just bought a house and have been carving out gardens. I've planted a few hundred plants over

the last year. Unfortunately, I can't always remember, what the leaves of the plants I've planted look like. This book has been a godsend to identify if the plant is a weed or something I put in the ground. Lots of pictures, and good info to identify weeds. Like smell, flowers, seed pods etc. Highly recommended for any gardener in the Northeast. Especially, forgetful ones, like me!

I've tried several books on wild edibles because I want to make use of plants (weeds) growing on my property. This book solved my problem. Although it isn't geared to identification of edible plants only, nor does it make any claim about uses for various plants, I was finally able to identify all the common weeds I'd been wondering about. Once I knew what a plant was, I could go to another book ('Peterson Field Guide: Edible Wild Plants' is my favorite) to learn about potential usability. I've really tried hard to identify these plants with surety in other books without success, but with this one, I was able to identify them all in about 30 minutes. Every one of the 299 common weeds described in this book has a full page of great pictures as well as a page of information. The thorough and unusual indexes in the front help you find plants by characteristics, but for me it was the pictures that did the trick. There's a picture of the mature plant in its favored location as well as pictures of seedlings, seeds, close-ups, stem characteristics, and sometimes a person's hand holding the plant, which helps with size reference on small plants and even additional drawings where they would add value. There is a thorough glossary at the end of the book, tables of comparisons, and charts including an elaborate foldout chart comparing various grasses. At some point, I may want to get deeper into the provided information to help control certain weeds, but my main goal was identification and this book did it for me--in spades. I couldn't be more pleased.

Cool book if you're into the strongest survivors in the plant world. I read this while working in Sterling Forest, NY, where we frequently found ourselves outside, waiting for the truck to arrive. My co-workers kept asking me, why didn't you buy a book about trees, shrubs, flowers, herbs, even mushrooms? Why weeds?! My response was always, humans are the ultimate weed. Understanding weeds, I came to a deeper understanding of humans. This tended to shut them up. The weed identification details in this book are top-notch, and the photos are crisp and clear. I was able to identify nearly every so-called weed on my property, and keep the ones that were harmless or beneficial, while manually removing the ones that were likely to run amok or suffocate my newly-planted shrubs and trees.

very comprehensive, concise page on each plant and one page of photos for each page of

## commentary

This book met my expectations. It has really good pictures that help me identify weeds on our property. However, I wish it would have given more direction on how to kill the weeds once identified.

I absolutely love this book. We have a summer home, so I only get back to my flower gardens a few times between June-October. I have to make the most of every precious "weeding moment". Instead of digging, pulling, Round-upping, or Preening indiscriminately, I can now treat my 101 varieties of weeds in the most effective manner, or just ignore them in some cases. Color photos show every weed in all stages of development and has information on how and when they propagate, so you can time and prioritize your weeding attacks. I didn't give the book 5 stars because it had photos of some, but not all root systems. Also, it had little information on how to control weeds. For instance, the authors explain the life cycle of yellow nutsedge and how a new plant grows from a tuber, but they could have mentioned that you should uproot each new plant BEFORE it develops 6 leaves and sets its own tubers. I found this information online. I will have to make my own notes on control in the page margins.

use it with scouts.

Awesome book to find out what is growing all around you.

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