

Handy References for Alaska's Native Flora

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****General technical and popular floras:**

Hulten, E. 1968. Flora of Alaska and neighboring territories. Stanford University Press. (This 'bible' for Alaskan botanists is laden with problems, but is still our main reference.)

Cody, W.J. 1996. Flora of the Yukon Territory. NRC Research Press, Ottawa, Canada. (Works well for interior and north central Alaska.)

Welsh, S.L. 1974. Anderson's Flora of Alaska and adjacent parts of Canada. Brigham Young University Press. (Out of print, but if you are lucky to find a copy, the keys and written descriptions are very good, making up for the lack of maps and pictures!)

Viereck, L.A. and E.L. Little. 2007. Alaska Trees and Shrubs (2d edition). University of Alaska Press. (A nice book, just republished. The earlier version is also still useful. Includes several dwarf plants that we don't usually think of as 'woody'.)

Pojar, J. and A. MacKinnon. 1994. Plants of the Pacific Northwest Coast. Lone Pine Publishing. (Nice combination of keys, pictures and descriptions as long as you are in SE or SC coastal Alaska.)

****Popular books with good pictures and descriptions, but no keys, include:**

Golodof, S. 2003. Wildflowers of Unalaska Island. University of Alaska Press. (Nice pictures, drawings, and descriptions for the Aleutians and AK Peninsula.)

Pratt, V. 1989. Alaskan Wildflowers. (Good for SC Alaska)
1991. Wildflowers along the Alaska Highway. (Good for interior AK.)
1993. Wildflowers of Denali NP. (Good for Alaska Range and Eagle Summit areas.)
1995. Alaska's Wild Berries and berry-like fruits. (The title says it all!)
All published by Alaskakrafts, Inc. Anchorage. Widely sold.

Stuebaker, S. 2010. Wildflowers and other Plant Life of the Kodiak Archipelago. Field guide for the flora of Kodiak and Southcentral Alaska. Sense of Place Press, Kodiak. (Excellent photographs and descriptions; good for Kodiak and most of SC Alaska.)

****Two of my favorite basic references for botany are:**

Harris, J.G. and M.W. Harris. Plant Identification Terminology: an illustrated glossary. Spring Lake Publishing, Spring Lake, Utah. (This book has been published 2 or 3 times now. Any version will serve as your basic, one-size-fits-all glossary. We use it each day at work!)

Heywood, V.H. Flowering Plants of the World. Oxford University Press, New York. (Covers plant families for the whole world, great illustrations, great general reference. Has been published at least twice to date, and any version is suitable. Gardeners will enjoy it!)

****Websites of interest:**

<http://aknps.org/Pages/SeedChart.php> (one source of Alaska native plant seeds)

<http://aknhp.uaa.alaska.edu/>

(Alaska Natural Heritage Program, information on native and invasive species)

<http://www.uaf.edu/museum/collections/herb/> (UAF Museum Herbarium, has several links including to the UAF Herbarium virtual herbarium, and other natural history collections, at <http://arctos.database.museum/SpecimenSearch.cfm>)