

List of Resources – Tree, Shrub, and Wildflower Identification

This is a list of some of the most useful and readily available field guides to trees, shrubs, and wildflowers. There are many, many more available – it all depends on how much money you want to invest!!

Trees of Ontario Kershaw, Linda

Excellent colour photographs, includes native and naturalized species of trees and large shrubs.

Trees in Canada Farrar

An updated and expanded version of Hosie's *Native Trees of Canada*. Over 300 species of trees and shrubs are described, most using full-colour photos. Includes native species and common introduced ones.

Taylor's Guide to Trees Chandler et. al.

The focus of this book is on landscape trees. Good quality colour photographs, detailed descriptions, and a listing of tree species by characteristics.

Fruit Key & Twig Key to Trees & Shrubs Harlow

Includes over 350 black and white photographs of fruit and twigs. Helpful for identifying trees in winter.

Shrubs of Ontario Soper and Heimbürger

First published in 1982 by the Royal Ontario Museum, this is still THE shrub guide for Ontario. Comprehensive guide, with line drawings and extensive descriptions including range maps.

Forest Plants of Central Ontario Chambers, Legasy, and Bentley

Includes the major forest trees, shrubs, plants, grasses, sedges, ferns, mosses, and lichens. An excellent field guide for most of the vegetation you will see in a forested environment.

Ontario Wildflowers (101 Wayside Flowers) Kershaw, Linda

Focuses on flowers that you will see at the roadside, in meadows, and in fields that are not being cultivated. Excellent colour photos.

Newcomb's Wildflower Guide Newcomb

Uses easily visible structural features and illustrations to help you identify wildflowers.

Flower Guide for Holiday Weekends Larsen and Roots

This book is arranged around the three major summer holiday weekends: Victoria Day/Memorial Day, Canada Day/Independence Day, and Civic Holiday/Labour Day. You need only to flip to the relevant section to find the flowering plants that you see at a particular time of year.

The ROM Guide to the Wildflowers of Ontario Bull and Dickinson

Likely the most comprehensive guide to Ontario wildflowers, with excellent photographs, range maps, and plant information.

Plants of Southern Ontario: Trees, Shrubs, Wildflowers, Grasses, Ferns & Aquatic Plants Dickinson and Royer

A comprehensive guide to most of what you will see in southern Ontario, in a variety of habitats, includes common invasive plants.