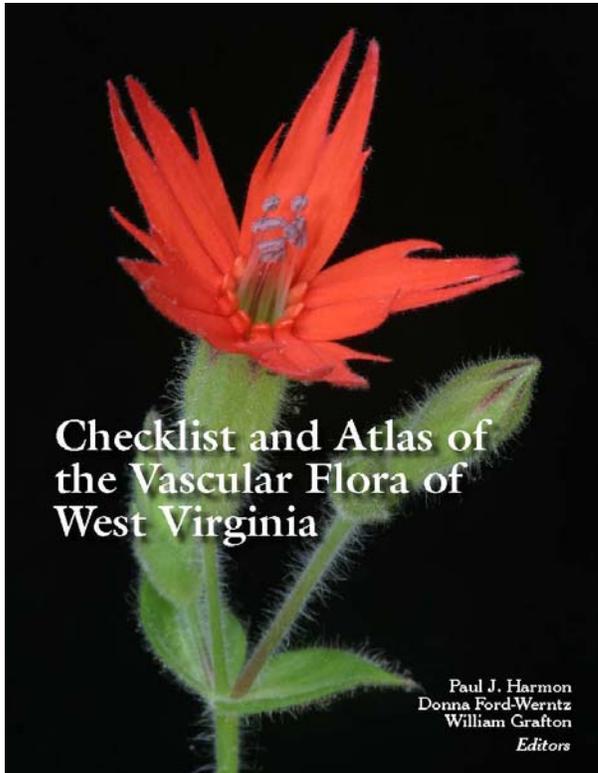


ANNOUNCING:

***CHECKLIST AND ATLAS OF THE VASCULAR FLORA OF WEST VIRGINIA* by Paul J. Harmon, Donna Ford-Werntz, and William Grafton**

The checklist and county dot-map atlas of the vascular flora of



West Virginia is now available (free of charge) in PDF format. The publication is no longer available in printed format from WV DNR, but those who download the PDF document should feel free to print copies as they see fit.

The 381-page document includes a series of lists of the vascular plants known to occur outside of cultivation in West Virginia. County dot maps indicate from which counties each of the 2503 taxa is recorded. Open and solid dots indicate whether each was recorded after 1976 or not.

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You may also be interested in knowing that there are applications available on many smart phones or tablets that permit one to load and read PDF documents. I have found I am able to carry *The Checklist and Atlas of the Vascular Flora of West Virginia* on my devices, and read it while hiking about.

As was mentioned earlier, printed copies of the book are no longer available.

Thanks to all who complimented us on the usefulness of the publication! We hope you continue to find it helpful in this format, too!

Sincerely,

Paul J. Harmon, on behalf of Dr. Donna Ford-Werntz and the late William Grafton

Additional information about the publication:

Botanists, ecologists, foresters, biologists, land managers, naturalists, horticulturalists and gardeners will all find this book extremely valuable, providing ...

- a reference to names and classification of all the ferns, trees, wildflowers and other vascular plants and the counties in the state in which they occur;
- which species are native, introduced, adventive, or exotic;
- which are classified as wetland species, which may be invasive to natural areas;
- those needing further field work,
- those needing systematic study, and
- those tracked by the West Virginia Natural Heritage program as state rare.

Inside front and back covers hold a table of abbreviations and icons found throughout the book, and an index map of the counties of West Virginia. The entire work is indexed on common names, current scientific names as well as the scientific names used in the classic manual, *Flora of West Virginia* by P. D. Strausbaugh and Earl L. Core (Seneca Books, Inc., Morgantown, WV, 1977).

Color-coded Sections include:

- Checklist by Division, Class, Family and Scientific Name
- Checklist by Scientific Name
- Exotic and Introduced Taxa Not Confirmed as Naturalized
- Reported Taxa Not Documented as Part of the Flora
- Taxa Excluded From the Checklist
- Atlas of the Native and Naturalized Vascular Flora
- Atlas of Exotic and Introduced Taxa Not Confirmed as Naturalized