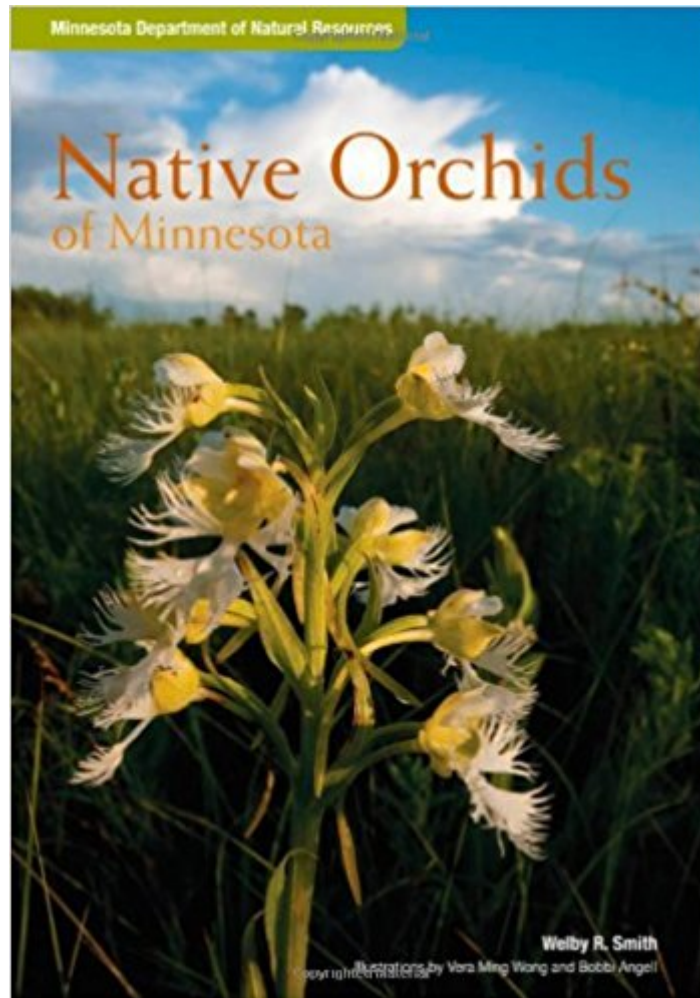




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Synopsis

Though often considered exotic and rare, orchids actually can be found across climates and continents—and Minnesota is no exception. The state is home to forty-nine wild orchids, occurring in every county. With a little patience, a modicum of outdoor experience, and this handy book, any Minnesotan can discover the common species of orchids in the wild. *Native Orchids of Minnesota* features detailed drawings and color photographs that make reliable identification practical even for beginners. In-depth discussions of habitats and natural history for each species reveal intricate ecological relationships and seldom-seen aspects of orchid biology. The book includes distribution maps for each species of wild orchid found in Minnesota as well as maps showing generalized distribution throughout North America. It also contains a phenology chart depicting the range of flowering dates and a comprehensive glossary of terms. *Native Orchids of Minnesota* is both a guide and a resource for the serious naturalist, the weekend botanist, and the connoisseur of natural beauty.

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"For most anyone who has spent time in the forests or prairies of Minnesota, some of the orchids in the book will be familiar, while others—like the calypso or the bog adder—,s mouth— might only be found in the wild once in a lifetime. It—s guaranteed to get the naturalist in all of us thinking about our next foray into the swamp, pine stand, or prairie. And even if you—ll never find some of these in the wild, the glossy, full color photos make each of them

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I have the older copy about Orchids of Minnesota by this author. I found that one difficult and incomplete to use. I got a look at this in a library and found this one to be excellent. It has all the info about each orchid in one place, descriptions, color plates and drawings where necessary. You can look at and compare what you need to know or see about the orchid. It is very well done. The older book by him had a few color plates in one place and just jumped and skipped all over the place so was hard to use properly to find out what a particular orchid was if you didn't know. I highly recommend this book to people with an interest in our native orchids.

Welby Smith is an expert who can write very well. The book is packed full of useful information about Minnesota's orchids. For example, there is information on the pollination of each species. Habitats are thoroughly described providing places to go to find these plants. The photographs and drawing are superb. The range maps combine the up to date Minnesota locations with a continental distribution. This book is a 10 in all parts.

Welby Smith brings his great regional knowledge to this book. And the illustrations are fantastic.

This is a lovely book. The layout is very professional looking; it's easy to follow and the pages look nice, and the size is comfortable. The range maps are helpful to quickly get a sense of where the individual species might be found. Some of the photos are of lesser quality than might be expected, but overall it is a fine piece. Anyone who is interested in orchids in the wilds of the Upper Midwest would appreciate a copy of this book. Welby Smith is certainly the top resource for plant info in Minnesota; this is far better than any other regional book on orchids. (His massive book, *Trees and Shrubs of Minnesota*, is without doubt the finest book of its type I have ever seen; I refer to it constantly, although unlike the *Orchids* book, *Trees and Shrubs* is way too large to take into the field.) Highly recommended!

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