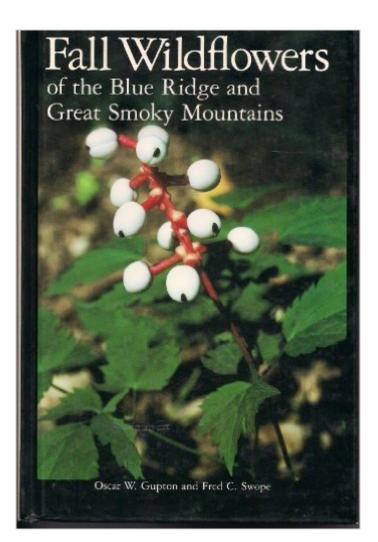
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Customer Reviews

This book turned out to be a unique resource for identifying Southern Appalachian plants after they are done flowering for the season. It was a delightful find to complement my collection of wildflower field guides, though not guite what I was expecting from the title "Fall Wildflowers." I was envisioning a book about plants that bloom during autumn. Instead, this book concentrates on fruits and seedpods and even includes some seedless plants such as ferns and horsetail. There are very few actual flowers in any of the pictures except for a few accompanying fruits and seeds more or less by accident. The book is not only useful for fall season either, but rather many of the fruits and seedpods shown can be seen starting in May and throughout the summer and fall and well into winter in some cases. It was published in 1987, and consequently some of the taxonomy is outdated by now. However, I have not yet found any other more up-to-date source that provides equivalent information and images. The book contains beautiful full page (4x6 in.) photographs of fruits, seeds or equivalent structures of 100 species including trees, shrubs, vines, herbs and as mentioned above some seedless plants. Combining these pictures with details about similar plants in the descriptions, it claims to provide a guide to the identification of 224 species. It is designed to be user friendly to a lay person with no prior knowledge of botany. Plants are organized by fruit/seedpod/sporangium color into four sections, with colored tabs on the edge of the pages:

green-white-yellow (green tab), red-pink-orange (red tab), brown-black (brown tab), and blue-purple (blue tab).

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