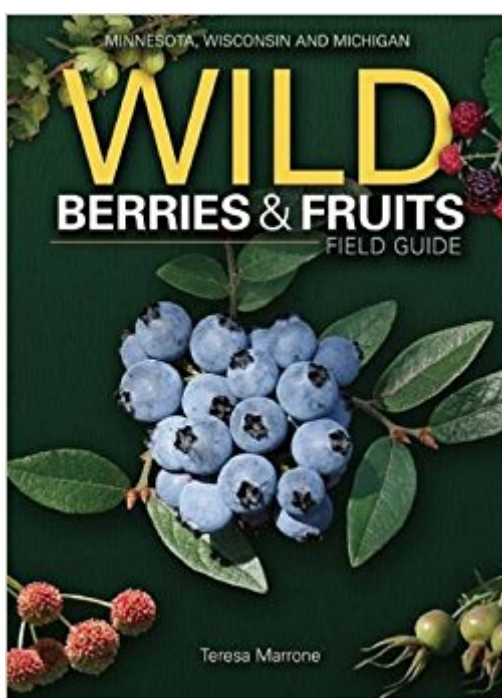


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# Wild Berries & Fruits Field Guide Of Minnesota, Wisconsin And Michigan (Wild Berries & Fruits Identification Guides)



## Synopsis

Now you can identify wild berries and fruits. Learn what's edible and what to avoid with this easy-to-use field guide. The species in the book are organized by color, then by form, so when you see something in the field, you'll know just where to look. Full-page photos and insets show each plant's key identification points, while detailed descriptions give you the information you need to know. Teresa Marrone has been gathering and preparing wild edibles for more than 20 years. Let her share that experience with you.

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## Customer Reviews

This is an excellent book. The size makes for ease of carrying. The organization of plants by berry color makes for quick usage. Pictures and descriptions are clear. A guide that's geared towards the Northern Midwest is unusual (our region is sadly undocumented by foragers). It's especially wonderful that toxic berries are included (and clearly labeled) as well as edible ones; most guides only include a selection of edibles which leaves you to wonder if unidentified species you discover were somehow overlooked or if they are truly poisonous. I wish this publisher would put out more titles covering wild plants in my region.

This is a great little book for finding and identifying wild fruit and berries in upper midwest. It's handy for the pocket, even at 280 pages, well printed and sturdy. The photographs alone are worth having, and most of them occupy a full page. The book is sensibly organized, with a good introduction,

maps, glossary and a thorough index. Each entry is accompanied by an array of colorful icons; these are useful rather than just decorative, and make it easy to take in a good chunk of information at a glance. If you look at the pages covering mulberries you see that among other things they're "delicious", while jimsonweed has a big skull and crossbones in the corner of its portrait.

This book is a miracle. First of all, it's the first book I've had in a while that **BLOWS AWAY** the information you can find on the internet. If you are even remotely interested in berries or edible plants, this will be a real eye opener. When I walk through my park now, I see food everywhere. I have found no less than **FOUR** different edible plants growing wild that no one had ever noticed. This book makes you an expert in no time. Within the first week, my sister and I had successfully foraged wild gooseberries, chokecherries, fire cherries, dewberries and a ton of autumn olives. I will now be hunting down any other books in this series that might be available -- I would love to have the same success with identifying onions and other wild vegetables, or mushrooms.

I bought this pocket-sized book as a Christmas present for my mother because our family does a lot of camping in the Boundary Waters of Minnesota. Perhaps there are much more suitable field guides out there if you happen to be a botanist, but for the average outdoor enthusiast of the Upper Midwest, this one is the best of its kind! Unlike many wordier guides, Marrone's makes ample use of photos and symbols for quick and easy identification. The layout is also very logical--rather than list each entry alphabetically, Marrone categorizes them by color so the user needn't know the berry's name to find it with ease. All berries are clearly labeled as delicious, edible, not edible, or toxic, and information about each berry is detailed yet concise. Definitely a great purchase!

I am the author/photographer (so forgive my 5-star review!) and am glad to see the nice comments here. Mari, I want to let you know that "Wild Berries & Fruits Field Guide of Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio" will be published in spring 2011 (I just finished the manuscript and photos, so the publisher has it now). There will also be a companion cookbook for that area, as there is for the MN-WI-MI book. Also, in spring 2010, the publisher released the second set in this series: "Wild Berries & Fruits Field Guide of Illinois, Iowa and Missouri" and its companion cookbook. These are available on .com. I expect to be working on a set for the Rocky Mountains in 2011, to be published in spring of 2012. Teresa Marrone

My first thought when I received this book was "It's awfully small.." It is small, but that just makes it

easy to carry in the field. In it are 165 wild berries and fruits specific to upper Midwest, organized by color, plant form, leaf form, and blooming period. It's small enough to carry in a pocket and complete enough to cover just about every wild fruit in Michigan. It'll come with me on every hike in the woods from now on.

We bought this little guide as we live in a very wooded area and are always out finding new plants with berries or fruits on them and had no idea of what they were. We have already used this guide extensively. It is well written, shows good color photos of the plants with the berries or fruits on them, including many in various seasons if the berries or fruits turn colors later in the growing season. Very handy guide and a good purchase!

We were looking for something that would identify the different berries we came across up north at our cabin. I found many that were drawings of the plant and fruit or very poor photos... I read the reviews on this book and thought well it cant be any worse than what I already have and what we had found on the internet. We were very pleased with this book... great photos--a very were small photos, but over all nice photos... loved how it was organized by the color of the berries which made for very quick reference while on the hiking trail... Loved that it not only gave you edible berries but toxic ones as well.. as many times we just wondered what they were, not if you could eat them or not.... loved how this book gave you a snid-bit of what the fruit is best used for. We were very pleased and very impressed with this book... I would recommend it.

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