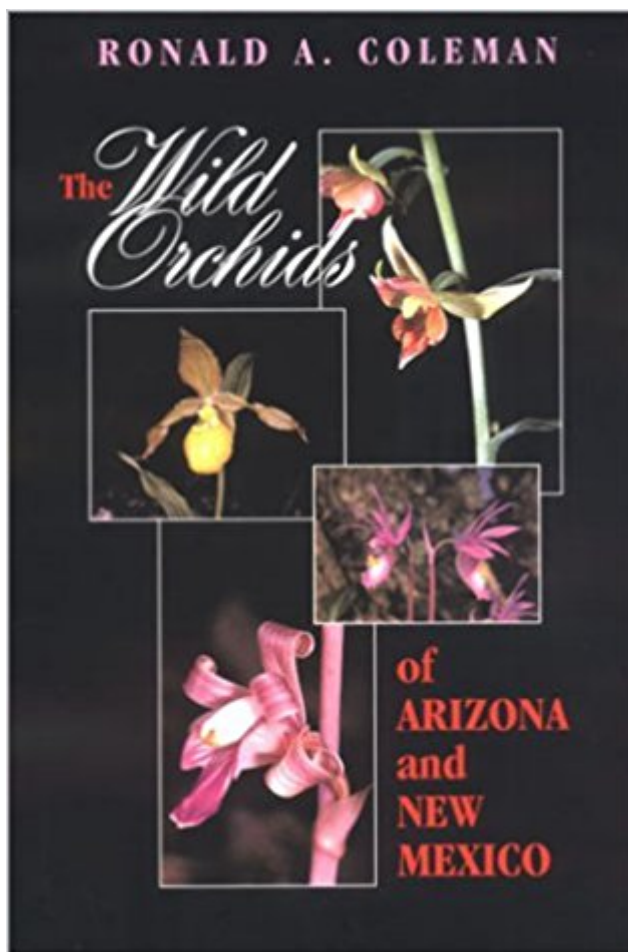


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The Wild Orchids Of Arizona And New Mexico



Synopsis

In *The Wild Orchids of Arizona and New Mexico*, Ronald A. Coleman treats all the species of wild orchids currently found in or historically known to have occurred in Arizona and New Mexico. The southwestern region of the United States is a great floral crossroads, with species of wildflowers associated with the north and south converging in the diverse flora described in this book. Of the 35 orchids native to the region, 29 are at the limits of their range. Some are relatively rare but, with skill and care, can be located during one of the two blooming seasons in the Southwest. One starts in March and continues through September, the other is timed to a seasonal wind shift that brings moist air north from Mexico. Because of the monsoon rains, several orchids more typical of Mexico find suitable habitat in the Southwestern United States. *The Wild Orchids of Arizona and New Mexico* illustrates each wild orchid with a line drawing and multiple color photographs, discusses flowering season, habitat, elevation range, and companion plants, maps current and historical distributions of each species, contains genus and species keys for plant identification, covers conservation issues and threats to each species.

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student; faculty and researchers." *Choice*, January 2003, vol. 40, No. 5 "Wild native orchids in New Mexico and Arizona? Impossible. As a matter of fact, and with great thanks to Ronald A. Coleman, impossible is revealed to be a combined orchid census of 35 species in 14 genera with his color photographs of each specie in situ. The remarkable color photos . . . serve to reinforce wonder and astonishment that such a vibrant population of orchids exists where most of us think only of cholla, pinon, or goat-heads. . . . Coleman has produced an outstanding reference book that will undoubtedly be used off-the-road as often as it is enjoyed at home." *Barbara Riley, Santa Fe New Mexican*, September 29, 2002 "This is a wonderful publication on orchids packed with an abundance of information useful to anyone with any affinity to orchids. Coleman's writing style is clear, concise, and unpretentious. It would make a lovely addition to the library of a native plant lover, botanist, or orchid enthusiast." *Journal of the Botanical Research Institute of Texas* "For anyone who is planning to visit this part of the United States, and is interested in seeing orchids in the wild, this book should be required reading." *Isobyl la Croix, The Orchid Review*, Jan/Feb 2005 "In *The Wild Orchids of Arizona and New Mexico*, Ronald A. Coleman dispels the common assumption that this seemingly arid region in the heart of the desert Southwest is only 'cactus country.' He calls attention to little-known habitats at higher elevations where the orchids grow, each species in its own niche. The difficult task of amassing descriptions, distribution maps, detailed discussions, and photographs of every orchid species ever recorded in this area required years of detective work and perseverance by a dedicated man." *Carlyle A. Luer, Senior Curator of the Herbarium, Missouri Botanical Garden* "Ronald Coleman's attention to extreme detail and striking color photographs make this book a must for every native orchid enthusiast. Suitable for both the serious professional and avid amateur, Coleman's treatment of the orchids of Arizona and New Mexico finally brings together a broad base of knowledge as well as many new and interesting facts about the orchids of this region." *Paul Martin Brown, author, Wild Orchids of the Northeastern United States, Wild Orchids of Florida, editor, North American Native Orchid Journal* "This book provides a framework to understanding and appreciating the orchids native to Arizona and New Mexico, and exemplifies some of the spectacular diversity displayed by the orchid family. It will be useful to amateur and professional botanists alike." *Lawrence W. Zettler, PhD, Illinois College*

A complete survey of the orchid species of these two states with distribution maps and photographs. The photographs are very good, but are clustered together in one section (a common practice) and not scattered in the text with the species accounts. Taxonomic keys are presented for species in

each genus. Sections covering habitat, conservation and blooming season are also included for each species. The text is well written and easy to understand. A very worthwhile book.

Well done descriptions of orchids in the SW

This is very nicely put together, informative book. The pictures are excellent, as are the descriptions, from the plant descriptions themselves to the habitat descriptions and discussions of the orchids. Overall a very nice book; I highly recommend it!

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