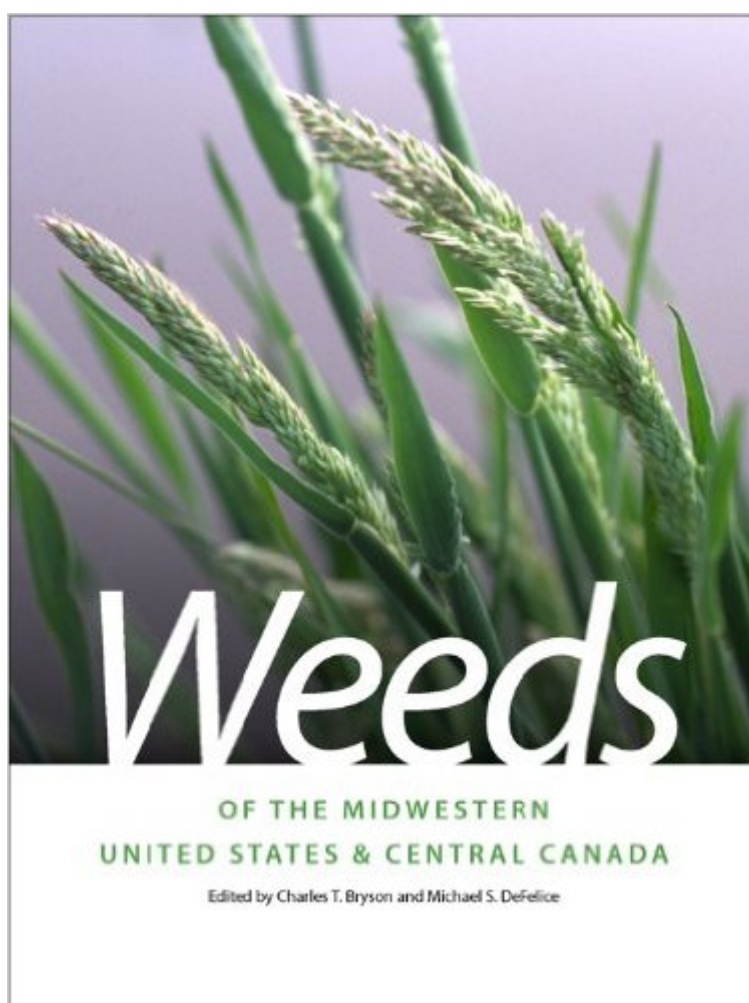


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Synopsis

Weeds threaten the safe, efficient, and sustainable production of food, feed, fiber, and biofuel throughout the world. Featuring more than fourteen hundred full-color photographs, this handy guide provides essential information on more than 350 of the most troublesome weedy and invasive plants found in the midwestern United States and central Canada. Drawing on the expertise of more than forty weed scientists and botanists, the guide identifies each plant at various stages of its life and offers useful details about its origin, habitat, morphology, biology, distribution, and toxic properties. The book also includes illustrations of the most common characteristics of plants and terms used to describe them, a key to plant families included in the book, a glossary of frequently used terms, a bibliography, and indexes of scientific and common plant names. This is an essential guide for agronomists, crop and soil scientists, horticulturists, botanists, Cooperative Extension Service agents, farmers, gardeners, students in agriculture and biology, lawn care professionals, green industry professionals, nursery owners, government quarantine workers, and land preservationists. Each species account includes: Up to four full-color photographs showing seed, seedling, plant, flower, and other unique plant features Distribution map For grasses, a line drawing of the collar, where the leaf joins the stem, an important identifying characteristic Scientific names, common names, and local synonyms of common names Vegetative characteristics for seedlings and leaves Special identifying characteristics Reproductive characteristics Toxic properties States and provinces covered: Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas (northeastern) Kentucky (northern) Manitoba (southern half) Michigan Minnesota Missouri (upper half) Nebraska (eastern) North Dakota Ohio Ontario (southern half) Quebec (southwestern corner) Saskatchewan (southeastern) South Dakota (eastern half) Wisconsin

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I purchased this book to aid me in my job as weed control officer. I had seen a copy, and noted that this volume contains some examples that are not found in "Weeds of the West" and I thought it would be a good supplement to available references. The photos are generally better (than in "Weeds of the West"), and more illustrative of weeds "in the wild", so this is a plus. Another feature I greatly appreciate is the listing of toxicity of each example described. A third asset is the inclusion of any known "colloquial" names for the weed in question. These vary greatly from one region to another, and what is commonly accepted nomenclature in North Dakota may be gibberish in Nebraska or Ohio. This "thesaurus" of common names helps alleviate those confusing differences. However, I find it rather disappointing that several weeds which are common in my region are missing from the pages. Specifically, Black Henbane (to name only one), which is notably toxic to humans (and probably livestock), is ignored. This weed is relatively common, but most of the general population is not familiar with its identification, nor with its potential for physical damage. Another negative impression is the "range of distribution" charts included. These are woefully inadequate, apparently due to the fact that the volume seems to have some data that is grossly outdated. Burdock is shown as having wide distribution, but absent in most of California, Arizona and New Mexico. My personal observations include seeing miles of it distributed along the highways of those states, and growing much taller than the description in the book. If the information is known to be in error, perhaps the resource data is questionable, or so it would seem.

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