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New Flora of Vermont provides comprehensive treatment of state's plant life

Now available from the NYBG Press through the Press' new online ordering site, *New Flora* incorporates the latest research on the plants of the Green Mountain state



Cover of *New Flora of Vermont* by Arthur V. Gilman (NYBG Press)

Bronx, NY—Incorporating many innovations and advances in floristic knowledge, *New Flora of Vermont* by Arthur V. Gilman, now available from The New York Botanical Garden Press, is a comprehensive treatment of the known plant species found in Vermont. By any standard, the Green Mountain state's plant life has been studied thoroughly, dating back to a list of its trees and other useful plants in 1795 and continuing through four volumes of the *Flora of Vermont* and a 1973 summary *Checklist of Vermont Plants* by the Vermont Botanical Club.

In the four decades since that last publication, however, our understanding of the relationships among plant species has advanced rapidly because of the wave of DNA-based data that has swept over biological sciences and the development of a powerful analytic technique for assessing evolutionary relationships. At the same time, there has been an increase in the knowledge of Vermont's flora, with an emphasis recently on potential threats to the indigenous flora from invasive species. *New Flora of Vermont* adds some 225 plants to the list of the state's flora.

Nature enthusiasts and specialists alike will appreciate the book's many useful features, including a series of clear keys to identify species, a list of state counties in which a species has been documented, and an indication of protected status under state and federal laws.

New Flora of Vermont is available through the new NYBG Press online ordering site, which allows customers to buy books directly from the Press online for the first time. In addition, the retail site has author and publication information such as biographies, photographs, and videos and the option to sign up for a mailing list to receive information about promotions and special offers. The site can be found at <u>nybgpress.org</u>.

About the Author of New Flora of Vermont

A native of rural Vermont, Arthur Gilman became interested in gardening and wildflowers at a young age. A 1976 graduate of Brown University with a degree in classical languages, he worked in the nursery industry in southern New England for several years and then returned to Vermont in 1988 for a position in environmental consulting. He is currently a principal in the firm of Gilman & Briggs Environmental, specializing in threatened and endangered plants throughout northern New England.

About The New York Botanical Garden Press

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Ordering Information: *New Flora of Vermont* (\$142 hardcover) is available through NYBG Press. To order, go to <u>nybgpress.org</u> or call 718.817.8721.

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