## **BOOK NOTICES**

Donald J. Leopold and Lytton John Musselman. 2020. **Wildflowers of the Adirondacks.** (ISBN-13: 978-1-42143110-9, pbk). Johns Hopkins University Press, 2715 North Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21218-4363, U.S.A. (**Orders:** press.jhu.edu). \$24.95 US, 368 pp., 315 color illustrations, references, index,  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " ×  $8\frac{1}{2}$ ".

*From the Publisher:*—Covering more than six million acres of protected wilderness, the Adirondacks, with their landscape of high peaks, verdant wetlands, majestic trees, and lush carpets of flowers, is a pristine paradise for nature lovers.

The only available identification guide to the Adirondack region's wildflowers, this comprehensive resource is packed with more than 300 gorgeous color images, one to represent almost every flower commonly found in this huge range. Revealing the stunning diversity of Adirondack wildflowers, from goldenrod and marsh blue violet to cattails and hellebore, the book includes

- detailed botanical species accounts, arranged by flower color
- images of each flower that highlight key features for easy ID
- information about each species' natural history
- descriptions of the region's upland, wetland, and aquatic habitats
- a special section on the nearly 40 terrestrial orchid species found in the Adirondacks

Written by DONALD J. LEOPOLD and LYTTON JOHN MUSSELMAN, skilled botanists and the foremost authorities on these plants, this superior quality guide will appeal to residents of and visitors to the Adirondacks and northeastern mountains, including wildlife professionals, citizen scientists, backpackers, campers, photographers, bird watchers, artists, and wild food foragers.

MISTRETTA, ORLANDO. 2020. **Field Guide to the Flora of the San Gabriel Mountains.** Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden Occasional Publications Number 18. (ISSN: 1094-1398, ISBN-13: 978-0-9605808-5-9, pbk). Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, 1500 North College Avenue, Claremont, California 91711-3157, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.rsabg.org). \$29.95 US, 340 pp., color photographs, maps, 6" × 9".

From the Publisher:—ORLANDO MISTRETTA has lived his entire life in the shadows of the San Gabriels. As a graduate student at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, he discovered a manuscript by Joseph Ewan in the Garden's archives that first sparked his interest in the plants of this exceedingly rugged mountain range located in close proximity to Greater Los Angeles, California. For the past four decades, his botanical career has taken him all over the San Gabriel Mountains, including the most remote corners and in all seasons. The result is this field guide that is at once a personal and entertaining account of the region's botanical context and history of exploration, and a long-awaited inventory of its flora.

MARK DION AND MARGARET C. ADLER. 2020. **The Perilous Texas Adventures of Mark Dion.** (ISBN-13: 978-0-300-24619-3, hbk). Published by Amon Carter Museum of American Art, 3501 Camp Bowie Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas 76107-2695, U.S.A. Distributed by Yale University Press, 302 Temple Street, P.O. Box 209040, New Haven, Connecticut 06520-9040, U.S.A. (**Orders:** cartermuseum.org, yalebooks.com/art). \$40.00 US, 168 pp., color illustrations, photographs, 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" × 11".

*From the Publisher:*—One present-day artist Mark Dion trails four historical protagonists, making four epic journeys through Texas over the course of two years in search of knowledge and greater understanding.

Inspired by the nineteenth-century explorer tradition, Dion traverses thousands of miles, meets with dozens of guides, and sends back hundreds of boxed items to form his sculptural travelogue at the Amon Carter Museum of American Art. This book chronicles his adventures.