

## BOOK REVIEW

KELLY KINDSCHER, ED. FOREWORD BY STEVEN FOSTER. 2016. **Echinacea: Herbal Medicine with a Wild History.** (ISBN-13: 978-3-319-18155-4, hbk). Springer Customer Service Center, 233 Spring Street, New York, New York 10013, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.springer.com, 1-800-SPRINGER). \$159.00 US, 238 pp., 16 b/w figs, 42 color photos, 16 tables, 6" × 9".

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Appendix A: Science in Action: A Model for Monitoring *Echinacea* Populations" contains valuable resource information about sampling protocols for *Echinacea*. Table 8 is especially noteworthy because it has the vegetative composition of *Echinacea* populations in north-central Kansas.

Some general comments about the overall content of the book. No glossary is included, and this would have helped in defining *Echinacea* morphological terminology. References are cited in the text after each topical section instead of terminally. This has the advantage of quicker and easier association with narrative passages in the text. References are a blend of historical publications and many that are more recent. The text is carefully edited and free from typographical errors. There is an index to all sections in the book.

Unfortunately, Springer did not do justice to the content of this book or to the authors in the physical printing. The paper is not the highest quality matte paper; therefore, the color images are subdued and lack bright vivid colors. The book spine is glued (not Smyth sewn stitched) without heads and tails, and thus the book will not lie flat and pages flop back and forth. The front cover is hardback and not flexible and is more subject to damage, including the spine. It is sad that a book so beautifully written and with such valuable content is way overpriced and lacks the high print quality that should match the price.

Nevertheless, book content will be valued by botanists, conservationists, ecologists, environmentalists, foresters, gardeners, landscapers, commercial *Echinacea* growers, academicians/faculty teaching ethnobotany and taxonomy courses, and naturalists interested in grassland biodiversity. The genus *Echinacea* as described here could be used as a topical theme in university seminars and serve as a model of how medicinal wild plants can be harvested, sustained over time, and still provide economic income to native peoples who live below the poverty line.

This well-written narrative was a joy to read because the authors, especially Kelly Kindscher, prepared the text without overwhelming the reader with scientific jargon. There is a wealth of information in this book, and I highly recommend it to a readership with a broad spectrum of interests.—Harold W. Keller, PhD, Resident Research Associate, Botanical Research Institute of Texas, Fort Worth, Texas, U.S.A.

## BOOK LISTINGS: NEW ARRIVALS

MARK V. LOMOLINO, BRETT R. RIDDLE, & ROBERT J. WHITTAKER. 2017. **Biogeography. 5<sup>th</sup> Edition.** (ISBN-13: 978-1-60535-472-9, hbk). Sinauer Associates, Inc., P.O. Box 407, Sunderland, Massachusetts 01375, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.sinauer.com). \$107.96 US, 759 pp., 462 illustr., 9" × 11.25".

BILL SCHEICK. 2017. **Adventures in Texas Gardening.** (ISBN-13: 978-1-62349-517-6, flexbound). Texas A&M Univ. Press, John H. Lindsey Building, Lewis St., 4354 TAMU, College Station, Texas 77843, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.tamupress.com). \$26.00 US, 232 pp., 68 photos, bib, index, 6.25" × 9.5".

BILLIE L. TURNER. 2016. **The Comps of Mexico. A Systematic Account of the Family Asteraceae. Chapter 22 TRIBE MILLERIEAE Lindl.** (ISBN-13: 978-0-9981557-0-8, pbk; Phytologia Memoirs Vol. 26A). Texensis Publishing, P.O. Box 727, Gruver, Texas 79040, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.phytologia.org). \$35.00 US, 85 b/w figures, 7" × 10".