

## BOOK REVIEW

LYNNE WEBER AND JIM WEBER. 2024. **Naturalist's Austin: A Guide to the Plants and Animals of Central Texas.** (ISBN-13: 978-1-64843-169-2, flexbound with flaps). Texas A&M University Press, John H. Lindsey Building, Lewis St., 4354 TAMU, College Station, Texas 77843, U.S.A. (**Orders:** www.tamupress.com). \$38.00 US, 336 pp., 650 color photos, bibliography, index, 6.12" × 9¼".

**Book Contents:** The reader can be expected to find the following groups of plants: Trees (pages 42–53, Shrubs (54–65), Wildflowers (66–109), Vines (110–119, Ferns and Allies (120–127), Yucca, Cacti and Allies (124–127), Grasses and Sedges (128–133), and Fungi Lichens, and others (134–141) this section is color coded green in margins; animals starting with Mammals (142–147, Birds (148–175), Amphibians, Frogs and Toads (176–191), Fishes (192–193), Mollusks (194–194), Dragonflies and Damselflies (196–207), Grasshoppers, Katydid, and Crickets (208–221), Lacewings, Antlions, and Others (222–223), Beetles (224–231), True Flies (232–235), Butterflies and Moths (236–271), Sawflies, Bees, Wasps, and Ants (272–279), Spiders and Other Arthropods (280–284).

Each taxon description has a common name in boldface and a species name italicized along with Status, Seasonality, Description, Habitat, and Remarks. The photographs are excellent and show the coloration and markings indicative of each species. This is a valuable book for native Texans even if they live outside of the Austin area. I highly recommend this book for purchase because the price is reasonable given the color and informative narrative content.

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