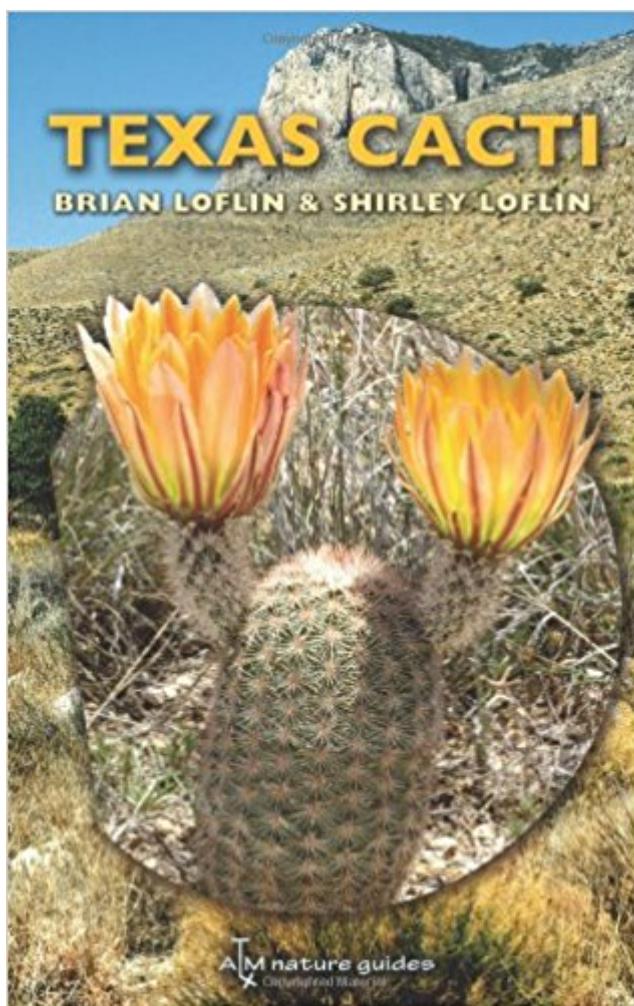


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# Texas Cacti: A Field Guide (W. L. Moody Jr. Natural History Series)



## Synopsis

In *Texas Cacti*, authors Brian and Shirley Loflin present a concise, fully illustrated field guide to more than one hundred of the cacti most often found in Texas and the surrounding region. The book opens with an illustrated introduction to cactus habitat and anatomy. The species are then organized by stem shape, with each account featuring detailed color photographs, specific identifying features (including spines, flowers, fruits, and seeds) and information about common and scientific names, habitat, flowering season, and more. The photographs, range maps, and icons designating shape, conservation status, and blooming period, along with easy-to-understand descriptions, make this book a quick and friendly guide to cactus identification for botanists, amateur naturalists, and cactus enthusiasts alike. 

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## Customer Reviews

BRIAN  AND  SHIRLEY  LOFLIN are independent writers and photographers living in Austin, Texas. Authors of *Grasses of the Texas Hill Country*, the Loflins also teach nature photography workshops in a variety of venues. Their photographs have appeared in many books and periodicals, including *Texas Parks and Wildlife*, *Outdoor Photographer*, and *Texas Highways*.

Well written and organized with good pictures for ID. Includes pertinent information on morphology, habitat, range and county distribution for a large number of Texas cacti. A good field guide that can

go into the field via car or backpack. I hope an expanded version comes out when other cactus species are found.

Excellent reference with wonderful photography that actually does enable you to identify the various cacti, which have beautiful flowers usually. It's a bargain.

All OK

I really like this book for the most part. I have another one that shows mostly just the flowers, which isn't helpful except during blooming season, which is short. This book shows the whole plant, which is much more helpful. I would appreciate having a more thorough index, but apart from that am pleased with this book. Would definitely recommend it.

On page 71 a photo depicted as *Cylindropuntia tunicata* looks like *C. grahamii*. Page 70 is correct. On page 74 and 75 there are no photos of *Opuntia aureispina*. *O. camanchica* maybe? Page 81 shows a great photo of *Opuntia azurea* var. *parva*. Page 86 and 87 do not depict *Opuntia chlorotica*. Perhaps it is *O. lindheimeri*? Page 110 & 111 show a great photos of *Opuntia rufida*, but the text incorrectly cites *O. microdasys* var. *rufida* as a synonym. Page 112 shows a great photo of *Opuntia spinosibacca*. On page 117 & 118 are good photos of *Opuntia strigil*. Page 121 should show the range extending up to Webb county. Page 134 & 135 are not a *Coryphantha*. *Echinocereus coccineus* or *fendleri* perhaps? Page 174 main photo is *Mammillaria pottsii*. The flower may be an *Escobaria*. Page 216 & 217 are not photos of *Ferocactus hamatacanthus* var. *sinuatus*. They are one photo cropped 3 ways of *Thelocactus (Hamatocactus) setispinus*. On page 252 the inset photos are correct as *Mammillaria sphaerica*, but the main photo is probably *M. heyderi*.

A previous reviewer, "Tom", gave this book only one star because of what he [Tom] interpreted as multiple inaccuracies. Me, I'm not an expert, which is why I bought this book. The photos are certainly good and I'm not in a position to quibble with classification. I did find one inaccuracy, though. I live in South Maverick County, Texas, directly on the Rio Grande. According to this book there should be no species of dog cholla here. Unfortunately [unforunately because it's almost invisible before you step on it], dog cholla is reasonably abundant here along the low hills immediately back from the river. From the book's descriptions I can't tell what species it is so, unless it is an undescribed species, I assume it is Schott's dog cholla which has disjoint populations

[Big Bend area and in far Southern Texas.] I also have a question about *Cylindropuntia leptocaulis* [Christmas Cactus]. I thought this cactus was a member of the *Opuntia* genus. Maybe I'm wrong.

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