

# SPRING WILDFLOWERS OF THE NORTHEAST

A Natural History

CAROL GRACIE

With a foreword by Eric Lamont

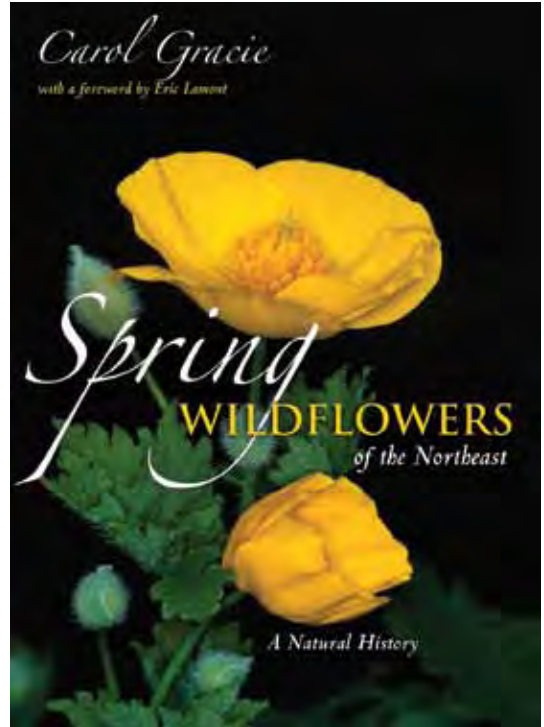
This exquisitely illustrated volume provides an in-depth look at spring-blooming wildflowers of the Northeast, from old favorites to lesser-known species. Featuring more than 500 full-color photos in a stunning large-sized format, the book delves deep into the life histories, lore, and cultural uses of more than 35 plant species. The rich narrative covers topics such as the naming of wildflowers; the reasons for taxonomic changes; pollination of flowers and dispersal of seeds; uses by Native Americans; related species in other parts of the world; herbivores, plant pathogens, and pests; medicinal uses; and wildflower references in history, literature, and art. The photos capture the beauty of these plants and also illustrate the concepts discussed in the text.

A book unlike any other, *Spring Wildflowers of the Northeast* combines the latest scientific research with an accessible, entertaining style, making it the ideal volume for readers of all levels of expertise.

- ◆ Showcases the Northeast's most spectacular spring-blooming wildflowers
- ◆ Features more than 500 full-color photos
- ◆ Covers the life histories, lore, and cultural uses of more than 35 species
- ◆ Combines the latest scientific research with an easy-to-read style
- ◆ Offers something new for seasoned botanists as well as armchair naturalists

**Carol Gracie** is an acclaimed naturalist, photographer, and writer. Now retired, she worked for many years as an educator and tour leader with the New York Botanical Garden before teaming up with Scott Mori, her husband, on botanical research projects in South America. Her books include *Wildflowers in the Field and Forest*.

A ONE-OF-A-KIND NATURAL HISTORY OF  
NORTHEASTERN SPRING WILDFLOWERS



“This is a wonderful collection of essays on some of our favorite early spring wildflowers, taking readers way beyond the typical coverage of identity, general habitat, and range. *Spring Wildflowers of the Northeast* is an excellent, unique, and exceptionally well-illustrated book, a wonderful addition to our literature on wildflowers.”

—Garrett E. Crow, professor emeritus,  
University of New Hampshire

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**Richard Grimmett** is head of conservation at BirdLife International. **Carol Inskipp** and **Tim Inskipp** are freelance wildlife consultants. The authors have traveled widely in Asia and together written a series of books on the continent's birds.

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**Julian Fitter** is a longtime resident of New Zealand and a key member of Friends of the Galápagos, the Galápagos Conservation Trust, and Falklands Conservation. He is the coauthor of *Wildlife of the Galápagos* (Princeton). **Don Merton** (1939–2011) was one of New Zealand’s most internationally acclaimed conservationists. Prior to his retirement in 2005, he was a senior scientific staff member of New Zealand’s Department of Conservation and helped save the Kākāpō and Black Robin from extinction.

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**Derek Lovitch** has worked on avian research and education projects throughout the United States, has written numerous articles for birding publications, and was a columnist for *Birding* magazine. He now owns and runs Freeport Wild Bird Supply in Maine.

“This book is useful for those wanting a convenient introduction to birding as it is currently practiced by many of the leaders in the North American field. The writing is informative and conversational, a good balance to strike when trying to make more advanced birding techniques accessible to a broader audience.”

—**Jeffrey A. Gordon**, president of the  
**American Birding Association**

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Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan,  
Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan

RAFFAEL AYÉ, MANUEL SCHWEIZER  
& TOBIAS ROTH

Central Asia—a vast and remote area of steppe, semi-desert, and mountains separating Europe from eastern Asia—is home to a diversity of birds. *Birds of Central Asia* is the first-ever field guide to the avian population of this fascinating part of the world. From ground jays, larks, and raptors to warblers, nuthatches, and snowfinches, this comprehensive guide covers 627 species—including all residents, migrants, and vagrants—and 141 superb plates depict every species and many distinct plumages and races. This portable book contains important introductory sections on the land and its birds, and up-to-date color maps. The concise, authoritative text on facing pages highlights key identification features, such as status, voice, and habitat. *Birds of Central Asia* is indispensable for anyone interested in the birds of this remarkable and little-known region.

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- ◆ Covers 627 species, including all residents, migrants, and vagrants
- ◆ 141 superb plates depict every species and many distinct plumages and races

**Raffael Ayé, Manuel Schweizer, and Tobias Roth** are ornithologists based at the University of Berne in Switzerland. They are experts on the birds of Central Asia, and their notable achievements include the discovery of the breeding grounds of the Large-billed Reed-warbler in Tajikistan.

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GUY M. KIRWAN & GRAEME GREEN

The New World tropics are home to the richest avifauna on the planet, with more than 4,000 species, many of them endemic. Two groups found exclusively in this region are the cotingas and the manakins. Few other families of birds have such widespread appeal. They are much sought after by birders for their colorful displays, unusual plumages, and, in some cases, great rarity. Their natural history and behavior offer fascinating case studies for evolutionary biologists, while the intriguingly elusive relationships of these birds are of profound interest to taxonomists.

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- ◆ Covers more than 130 species of cotingas and manakins
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**Guy M. Kirwan** is one of the world's leading authorities on New World birds. He is a freelance author and editor. His books include *The Birds of Turkey*.

**Graeme Green** is a bird tour leader in Ecuador and has traveled widely in search of cotingas and manakins.

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BART DE BOER, ERIC NEWTON  
& ROBIN RESTALL

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- ◆ First-ever comprehensive field guide to the birds of the Lesser Antilles
- ◆ Complete coverage of the islands' bird species, including residents, migrants, and vagrants
- ◆ Close to 1,000 illustrations on 71 color plates depicting every species and all major plumages and races
- ◆ Concise text on facing pages highlights key identification features, including voice, habitat, behavior, and status

**Bart de Boer** is a Dutch ornithologist. He is the author of *Our Birds: Curaçao, Bonaire, Aruba* and *Our Animals: Curaçao, Bonaire, Aruba*. **Eric Newton** is an amateur ornithologist who resides on Curaçao.

**Robin Restall** is the principal author and sole illustrator of *Birds of Northern South America*.

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GUY DUTSON

Illustrated by Richard Allen, Adam Bowley,  
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Melanesia harbors an amazing range of endemic bird species and subspecies, many of which are poorly known. *Birds of Melanesia* is the first comprehensive field guide to all 501 species found in the Bismarck Archipelago, Bougainville, the Solomons, Vanuatu, and New Caledonia. This beautifully illustrated guide features 86 color plates that depict almost every species—including many endemic subspecies—and many of the plates are arranged by island group for easy reference. Detailed species accounts describe key identification features and distribution, as well as key features for all subspecies. Distribution bars are also given for all species except extreme vagrants.

- ◆ Covers all 501 species recorded in Melanesia, 204 of which are endemic
- ◆ Features 86 color plates that illustrate almost every species
- ◆ Provides detailed species accounts
- ◆ Includes distribution bars for all species except extreme vagrants

**Guy Dutson** is an ornithologist and tour leader. He is the world's leading authority on the birds of the southwest Pacific, where he has described or rediscovered several species.

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