



Flowering with Kevin Cook

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**A class presented in four sessions with a supporting field trip.
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This wildflower class looks at all the ambitions we have for recognizing and knowing which wildflower is which and all the good intentions we have of learning how to identify wildflowers then weighs them against the myriad little behaviors that, consciously or not, sabotage every effort to master the wildflowers. The four main objectives of this class are to

1. optimize personal ambition to identify and know wildflowers;
2. minimize or eliminate counter-productive behaviors that prevent identifying and knowing wildflowers;
3. develop personal skills to identify wildflowers with confidence and accuracy;
4. extend the passion for wildflowers to all plants and thereby extend the passion to a year-round interest and connection.

Thursday, June 8 — Learning How to Identify Wildflowers

How to select and use field guides and other valuable reference materials; how to look at a plant to see the details vital to accurate identification; how to use botanical language without feeling put off or left out; how to cope with English and Latin names. Instructional family: evening-primroses.

Thursday, June 15 — Mastering the Common Wildflowers: Part 1

How to recognize similarities and differences useful to the wildflower identification pursuit as illustrated by borages, buttercups, loasas, orchids, paintbrushes, peas, penstemons, and poppies.

Tuesday, June 22 — Mastering the Common Wildflowers: Part 2

How to cope with so many flowers that look so much alike: the sunflowers.

Thursday, June 29 — Developing a Personal Botany Context

How to make a personal enthusiasm for wildflowers a year-round pursuit; how to view plant-and-animal associations as a memory aid for learning and remembering which wildflowers are which; how to regard plants as a collective whole in composing landscape vegetation that can be read like a book.

Class Meeting Time and Place



Class Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



Location: JAX Outdoor Gear, 1200 N. College Ave., Fort Collins, in the conference

room. ([map](#))

Cost: Class

- Per session paid separately: \$7 for Fort Collins Audubon Society members, \$8 for nonmembers ([Join now!](#))
- Entire class paid at once: \$26 for Fort Collins Audubon Society members, \$30 for nonmembers ([Join now!](#))

Cost: Field Trips

- Each field trip is \$20 for members, \$22 for nonmembers ([Join now!](#))
- Park entry fee is extra. Carpooling will be arranged

Registration:

Call Kevin Cook at 223-8392 during afternoon or evenings for full details.