



Myrmecochory

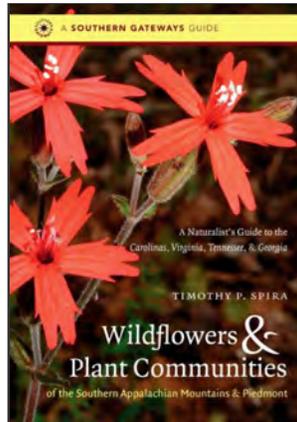


This big, fancy, scientific word -- myrmecochory -- means "seed dispersal by ants." Many plants grow seeds with a fleshy appendage called an elaiosome which is prized ant food. In the process of taking the elaiosome, the ants grab the seed to take back to their nest. A consequence is that the plant's seeds are spread further away from the parent plant than if the seeds simply dropped to the ground.

Plant Guide

Timothy Spira wrote Wildflowers & Plant Communities of the Southern Appalachian Mountains & Piedmont to be more than a field guide to wildflowers. The book focusses on 21 plant communities which include trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants growing in geographic areas defined as the southeastern U.S. mountains or piedmont. The first portion of the book is a photographic key of typical plants to be found in each type of community. For example, if you know you are in a "Spruce-Fir

Forest" or "Granite Outcrop" in the mountains, the photo key will quickly narrow down the possible plants in that region to a likely candidate that you want to identify.



In the middle portion of the book, Spira thoroughly defines each of these 21 plant communities. Lastly, the book includes a description of each plant in detail. This detailed information includes a plant's ecology, wildlife associations and possible uses.

Mystery Plants Confirmed



Evan correctly identified [Mystery Plant 089](#) as Buffalo nut (*Pyrolaria pubera*). I saw its intriguing green flowers many years ago on some plants near my house. After a few years, I discovered its identity and learned that it's a parasite.

Mystery Plant

What is the name of this plant? ([There are more images on the website.](#))





When you can identify this plant, provide your response at [IdentifyThatPlant.com](https://www.identifythatplant.com) as a comment for the blog entry called [Mystery Plant 090](#). Please identify the plant by both its common name and its scientific name. The answer will be confirmed in the next newsletter.

Confidently master the skill of correct plant identification

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