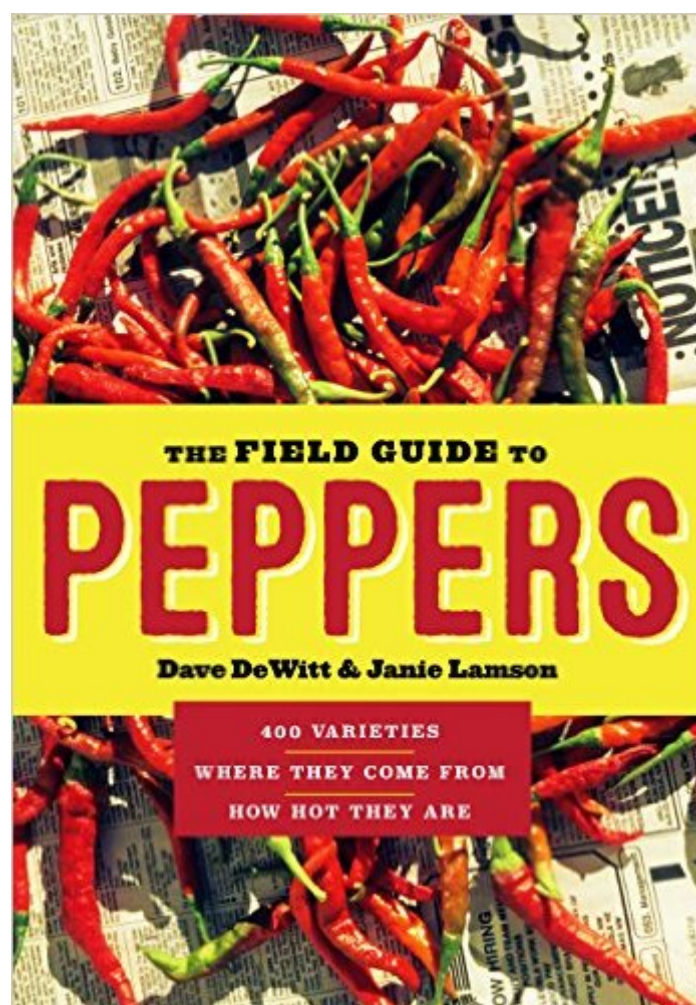


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# The Field Guide To Peppers



## Synopsis

The essential guide for pepper enthusiasts! A little spice can really take a meal to the next level—but with so many peppers to choose from, how do you pick one capsicum from another? In *The Field Guide to Peppers*, Dave DeWitt and Janie Lamson give expert advice on popular varieties like ancho, cayenne, jalapeño, serrano, and more. The 400 profiles in this fiery guide include all the major types of peppers, and each page features a color photograph along with all the details a pepperhead needs to know: common name, origin, source, pod length and width, plant height, color, harvest, and heat level, ranging from sweet to superhot.

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## Customer Reviews

This review was originally posted on the NYBG Plant Talk Blog:[...]The *Field Guide to Peppers* promises to help readers achieve two things: to identify unfamiliar pepper varieties and to assist in the selection of peppers for inclusion in gardens. Authors Dave DeWitt and Janie Lamson bring extensive expertise and differing strengths to this publication. DeWitt, known to some as the "Pope of Peppers," has authored over 30 books related to peppers and spicy foods. Lamson, the "Chile Goddess," is the owner of Cross Country Nurseries in New Jersey and grows and sells all 400 pepper varieties covered in *Field Guide*. *Field Guide* is undeniably attractive even at first glance, with bold and colorful cover art. A quick skim through the book heightens the appeal, bright red pages and accents complementing full-color photos of all 400 peppers. Most readers likely have a favorite pepper, and I found the images of jalapeños to be especially

attractive. While this book is suggested as a tool for both pepper identification and selecting peppers to grow, it seems to be more focused on the latter than the former, as the botanical details are rather limited. However, with the photographs provided, the text could indeed serve as a field guide for the home gardener. The text is helpfully organized by common pepper species—*Capsicum annuum*, *C. baccatum*, *C. chinense*, *C. frutescens*, and *C. pubescens*. *Capsicum annuum* is further divided into pod types, owing to the number of varieties within the group. In terms of selecting peppers for home gardens, this book is especially useful. Comments from the authors accompany each and every pepper, ranging from historical facts to cooking suggestions to alternative names.

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