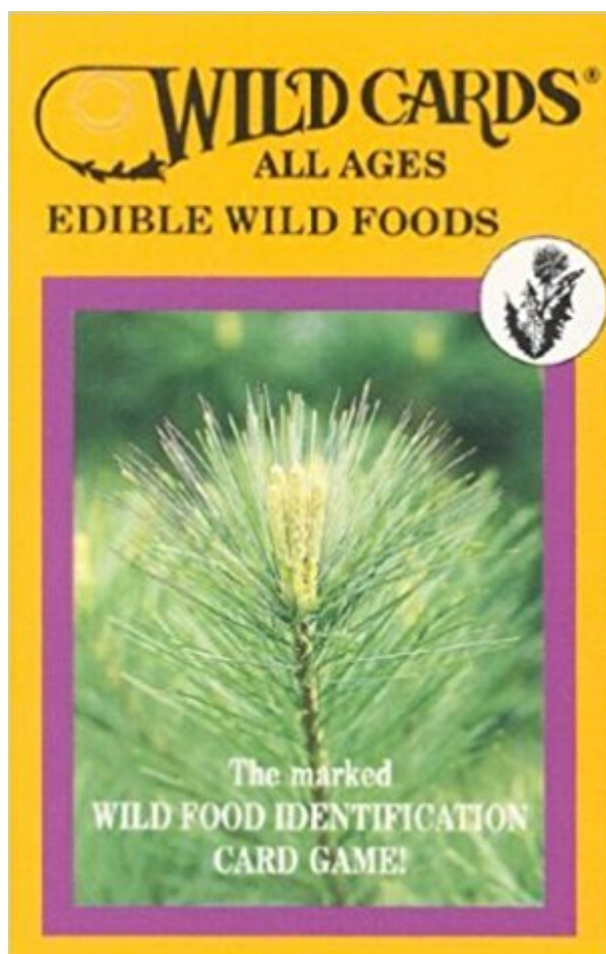


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Wild Cards: Edible Wild Foods (All Ages)



Synopsis

A playing card deck by Linda Runyon, with photos and descriptions of 52 different edible plants. Ideal for hikers, campers, survival experts, and gourmet cooks. Includes key chain for easy portability.

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Customer Reviews

I looked all over the web for the plants this deck contained and couldn't find a list so here you go: Aloe Amaranth Arrowhead Aster Blackberry Blueberry Raspberry Wild Strawberry Birch Bulrush Burdock Cattail Chamomile Chickweed Chicory Cholla Clover (Red & White) Daisy Dandelion Dock Fir, Balsam Fireweed Goldenrod Grape Lamb's Quarters Mallow Maple Meadowsweet Milkweed Mint Mullein Mustard Nettle Phragmites Pine Plantain Prickly Pear Primrose Puslane Queen Anne's Lace Rose Saguaro Shepherd's Purse Sumac Sunflower Thistle Thyme Violet Wild Lettuce Willow Wintergreen Yarrow As other reviews state the info on these cards is really good - what to eat/harvest and some prep instructions. The cards are pretty nice quality and the chain is great. The card game is... well not really a game, but that's not why I got it. I just like a simple picture and identification details. If you are like me you will get more from these than a long boring edibles book. Use these to find the plants, then when you want to explore more recipes or plant details go to the book. I do agree with others that I wish more versions were made. A special deck for just the western and eastern US would be great. Also a fruit specific deck would be ideal.

These are great. I admit to reading most of the reviews before purchasing these cards and decided to give them a try. These are great! They came in today and I immediately shuffled through them. They have many of the plants indigenous to my area, which I already knew were useful... but the verbal descriptions of the plant along with the sketch and photograph would make it nearly impossible to mis-identify these edible and otherwise useful plants and flowers. The helpful hints are awesome too and there are many different ways mentioned for their use which I didn't know. The fact that they have actual playing card symbols on the underside is amusing to me more than a frustration, because if I want to PLAY cards I'll bring a deck of playing cards, when I want to identify plants I'll break out the Wild Cards. Do not buy these if you are looking for playing cards that are meant to be playing cards. These are meant to be a survivalist aid, the other markings are nothing more than an amusing and secondary entertainment in a pinch I'm sure. Love the keychain chain that holds them all together because they ARE a slippery bunch, which makes it quite easy to slip through them quickly as you're searching for a specific card. They do not stick together at all like "new playing cards" do. These are really awesome and will be a great tool in any survival/evac kit.

This is a must have item! I've done a lot of bushcrafting and foraging for both dietary and medicinal purposes, and I feel that this is, by far, the best reference for the cost and size. I like that the cards not only give a good physical description and location reference, but they also say what potentially dangerous look-a-likes they may have and how to differentiate. Also, how much is too much to ingest and what possible health concerns there may be, as well as what parts are useable and what aren't. On top of all that, it is a functioning deck of pretty heavy duty playing cards. I don't think it would work for poker, since it's easy to remember that Yarrow is the Ace of Diamonds, but it'd work great for solitar or War and similar games. Truly worth it's weight on the pack.

I'm preparing survival vests for my DH and I so, if we have to evacuate for a hurricane or worse, we'll have what we need right there on us. I got these cards thinking they would do double duty as an educational tool and also be something we could do with ourselves (play cards) if we don't have the electronics we've become accustomed to. The cards are well designed and glossy, and the photographs are pretty representative. Each has a line drawing of the plant's range and a black and white field drawing. On the playing card marked side, the cards give info on what parts of the plant are edible, characteristics, uses, and preparation hints. One card has a summary of how to test out an unknown plant to see if you can eat it--if you get desperate! The drilled hole through the left side

of the cards and the chain are great, and they all fit into the cardboard pack with no problem. I wish I had several other kinds of survival decks, too, like maybe mushrooms, insects you can eat if you absolutely had to, maybe shelter-making and trap-setting decks, etc. Just any survival-type card decks would be fantastic, a different kind for each person in the family. I think this deck would make an excellent gift, especially for those occasions where you're supposed to spend less than \$10 and put the gift into the pot at the office. It would be a conversation piece at the least, and certainly would be very helpful if someone was stranded and needed to survive.

My kids are at the age that they see plants for what they really are and needed a flash card type learning tool. These cards are great!! Heavy duty with a slick surface that dirt can easily be wiped away for outdoor learning! They all have a hole punched in top corner with a little chain so you can keep them all together. VERY HANDY! They are the size of a deck of playing cards so nice size for tossing in purse or pocket!

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