These are a few pages from my Dent County Blues book. This includes the blue, purple and brown flowers found in Dent County, Missouri.

Each page has the scientific name as found in "Flora of Missouri" by Dr. George Yatskievych, the common name(s), and photographs of the flower, back of the flower, stem, leaf, fruit or seedpod and plant. I took all of the photographs.

There are 175 plant pages in this book alone. Thirty-five of them are completed. I have most of the pictures for another dozen? More?

I have a long way to go.

Asarum canadense Family: Aristolochiaceae Wild Ginger



The leaf clusters in moist, shady places near big rocks are lovely. The flowers hide on the ground.











Symphyotrichum novae-angliae Family: Asteraceae Tribe: Astereae

New England Aster



These striking royal purple and gold flowers appear in late August.









Cichorium intybus Family: Asteraceae Tribe: Cichoreae Common Chicory, Blue Sailors



Edible early spring greens erupt into blue flowers providing bird seed all summer.











Lactuca floridana Family: Asteraceae Tribe: Cichoreae Florida Lettuce, Woodland Lettuce



A stout purple stalk rises up to eight feet crowned by a bush of blue flowers.











Vernonia arkansana Family: Asteraceae Tribe: Vernonieae Arkansas Ironweed, Curly Top



Look for the web of threads under the flowers to know this plant.











Mertensia virginica Family: Boraginaceae Virginia Bluebells, Cowslips



Look for these blue bouquets in ravines and river flood plains. They change from pink to blue.









Campanula americana Family: Campanulaceae Tall Bellflower



Early summer columns of blue flowers begin to open lighting up shady areas.











Amorpha canescens Family: Fabaceae Subfamily: Faboideae Lead Plant



Rích, royal purple and gold revel in the sun when this plant blooms.









Erodium cicutarium Family: Geraniaceae Filagree Stork's Bill



The flowers may fool you, but the seed pod of this plant is unmistakable.











Lamium purpureum Family: Lamiaceae Dead Nettle







Early in spring bees enjoy nectar from these numerous flowers.







Scutellaria incana Family: Lamiaceae Downy Skullcap



These masses of purple flowers like shady places. Watch for the skutes.











Oxalis violaceae Family: Oxalidaceae Violet Wood Sorrel



Find these flowers scattered in open woods in the spring.









Passiflora incarnata Family: Passifloraceae Passion Flower, Maypops



When the fruits turn orange, a good, juicy pulp surrounds the seeds.











Polemonium reptans Family: Polemoniaceae Jacob's Ladder



These flowers may remind you of bluebells, but they lack the tube. They grow in shady, moist areas.











Primula meadia Family: Primulaceae Shooting Star



Ranging from white to blue, these flowers are unmistakable.











Verbena hastata Family: Verbenaceae Blue Vervain



These brilliant flowers are worth wading to see.











Viola pedate Family: Violaceae Bird's Foot Violet



This big violet comes in two colors: royal purple or dreamy lavender.









