

# The Vascular Plants of the Bruce Peninsula Ontario



**Joe Johnson**

P V Krotkov spent four summers on the Bruce Peninsula (1933-36) based successively at Tobermory, Stokes Bay, Lion's Head and Dyer's Bay. Based on these four summers in the field he prepared the first "Systematic List" of the Bruce's vascular plants. Any indepth study of the Bruce's vascular plants since that time has always cited Krotkov.

Joe Johnson has spent more than 40 years living and botanizing on the Bruce and this book brings Krotkov's 'Systematic List' up to date. Anton

Reznicek's review on the back cover points out that the book is more than just a list and will be a valuable resource to anyone interested in the plants of the Bruce Peninsula.

Joe is both the author and the publisher of this 279 page "work". It will be going to press in the next few days and will be available for sale in the first part of May. The price of the book has not been firmly set but is expected to be no more than \$30 per copy.

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As well, by April 15th, vascularplantsofthebrucepeninsula.wordpress.com will be up and running. Additional information about the book will be posted there as it becomes available.

The Bruce Peninsula is Ontario's most famous botanical destination, for its rare orchids, rare ferns, and the many other interesting species it shelters. The alvars, cliffs, wooded rock outcrops, and shoreline fens attract researchers and naturalists alike. Yet the only comprehensive flora is a long-outdated one from 1940. Now here is a comprehensive modern flora, a botanical travel guide, if you will, to "The Bruce." In it you will find detailed answers to questions like: How common is it? Where else on the Bruce does it occur? What is the usual habitat? When does it bloom? Almost 100 species are illustrated by color photos, often in both flower and fruit, plus there are several pages of detailed maps. This flora is the plant book that all visitors to the Peninsula with an interest in natural history will need.

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Some time after his arrival at Wiarton on the Bruce Peninsula in 1971, Joe Johnson became the recognized authority on the vascular flora of the Bruce. While based in Wiarton, Joe's botanical career often took him away from the Bruce but he always returned.