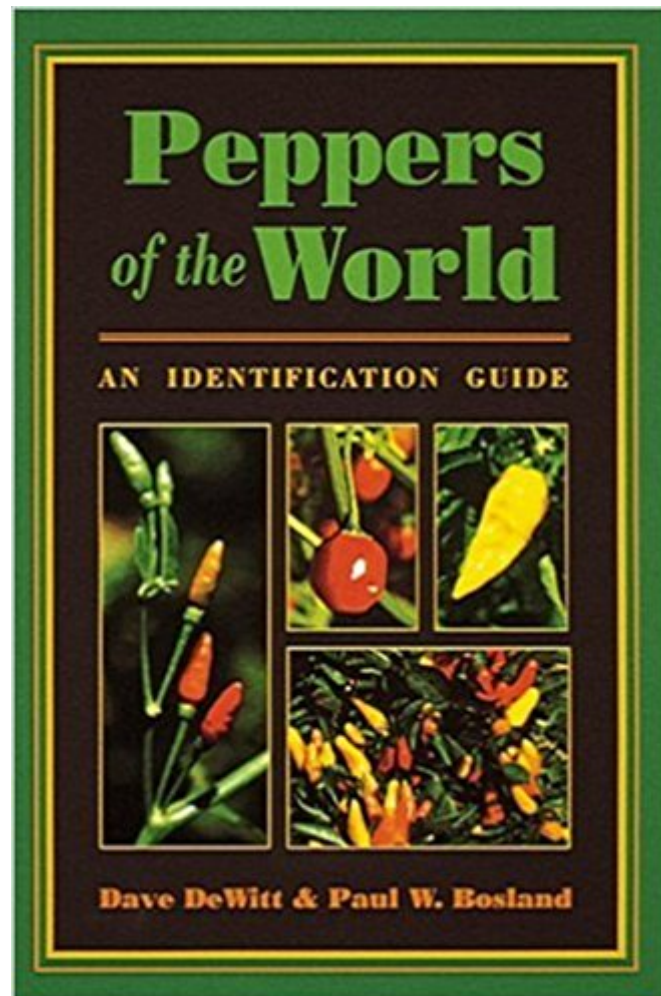




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Peppers Of The World: An Identification Guide



Synopsis

With Dave DeWitt and Paul W. Bosland's first book, *The Pepper Garden*, chile pepper lovers learned how to plant, tend, and harvest their own pepper gardens. Now, with this companion volume, the authors team up again to present what is without a doubt the most comprehensive guide to chile pepper identification ever published.

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The authors note that there are a few thousands of pepper varieties in the world, yet only list a few hundred. Instead of collecting comprehensive information, they spend several chapters pontificating the history of man's relationship with peppers while noting that no one really knows where they started or who used them or how, and their own version is just sort of a best guess. At the end of the book, there are several pages about the Chiltepin, with some barely educated guesses as to why it has never been domesticated, and a meandering story about a guy that dreams of raising them on a farm with dogs. Even the few hundred peppers listed are nearly useless for identification. The information provided for each pepper is limited to scientific name, common name, a location (which they say might be where the pepper came from and may not be,) and a comment. The comment proves to be useless since 90% of them simply say "prolific." There is no information about the life cycle of the particular plants, or any unique details that would actually help in identifying an unknown chilli. The single picture included of each chilli is almost always an extreme close-up of the chilli growing on the plant, so of course most of them look similar enough that the picture is only

marginally helpful in identification. The few that do have pictures of more than just the chilli are just pictures of the entire bush from far enough back you can't discern any details. I support the efforts of the authors to catalog chillies and was glad to read about their efforts to increase the USDA seed population.

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