Field Guides

Title: Kaufman Field Guide to Insects of North America
Author/Publisher: Eric Eaton, Kenn Kaufmann
Member: Dan Williams - Trustee, Barbara Williams
Reason: The most useful field guide I've found to the entire array of North American insects. The authors showed an uncanny knack for including the insects that are most commonly encountered and noticed. In-depth study requires more focused guides but this one is a great starting point.

Title: Wildflowers and Weeds
Author/Publisher: James Zimmerman, Booth Courtenay
Member: Ruth Little - Trustee
Reason: Good Basic Field Guide
Notes: Might be out of print

Title: Stokes Butterfly Book: the Complete Guide to Butterfly Gardening, Identification and Behavior
Author: Donald Stokes, Lillian Stokes
Member: Judy Letourneau – Education Committee
Reason: The Stokes book has 2 complete pages of caterpillar pictures grouped by family. Following there are 6 pages of butterfly pictures and where in the book to read more information on each butterfly, its life stages, and how to attract it, and where it’s found in the USA. I found this easy to work with. Less frustration and more information I could use. It would be good to use with children because of all the pictures. For gardeners there is a nice list of wild flower nectar plants to attract adult butterflies and larva food plants for caterpillars.

Title: Orchids of Indiana
Author: Michael A Homoya
Member: Ed Cope - staff
Reason: It boasts superlative composition for a field guide: a comprehensive species account supported by a dichotomous key, color photographs, and illustrations. It is also packed with information regarding the life history, phenology, and habitat preferences of each species. The definitive model all guides should follow!