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Liverworts of New England
A Guide for the Amateur Naturalist

By Mary S.G. Lincoln

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**An Introduction to 195 Species of Liverworts and Four Species of Hornworts
in the Six New England States**

This is a book for those who are just beginning to look at these fascinating plants as well as for those who didn't even know these plants existed. It's a non-technical introduction to the diverse world of liverworts and hornworts—so small they are often overlooked by experienced botanists—including their reproductive strategies and their place in the ecosystem. Liverworts, one of the major groups of green land plants and cousins of mosses, are rarely studied due to their small size and relative infrequency. However, as this book demonstrates, their complexity, diversity, and beauty make them absorbing objects of study and research. It makes an excellent companion field guide to the *The Marcolichens of New England*, published by The New York Botanical Garden Press earlier in 2008.

In explanations that do not intimidate or oversimplify, the author describes the nearly 200 species in 62 genera found in diverse habitats throughout the six New England states. Liverworts are described in clear rather than arcane terms. Features that can be seen with a hand lens are noted, allowing curious naturalists to study these small plants without a compound microscope. Color photographs, line drawings, distribution maps, and simple keys assist in the identification of common species. A glossary of terms is also included for less-experienced readers.

“This book by Mary Lincoln is the first of its kind. Never before have we had anything like this in the United States,” comments Dr. William R. Buck, Mary Flagler Cary Curator of Botany at The New York Botanical Garden and Editor of the *Memoirs of The New York Botanical Garden*. “With nothing but a hand lens, most species of liverworts in northeastern North America can be identified with certainty. This is the perfect book for the avid naturalist, and the plants are available year round.”

About the Author

An avid amateur bryologist, Mary S.G. Lincoln has taught bryology courses for the New England Wildflower Society for several years. She is Founder and President of High Pond Farm, an educational outdoor preserve in New Hampshire offering weekend workshops for amateur naturalists in botany, lichenology, bryology, geology, odonatology, herpetology, entomology, ornithology, and ecology.

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Liverworts of New England is volume 99 of the *Memoirs of The New York Botanical Garden*, a series published since 1900. The series includes comprehensive, original research papers focusing on taxonomy and floristics with an emphasis on New World plants. This new volume, while quite different from the typical *Memoirs* format, complements the similar *Memoirs* volume 96, *The Macrolichens of New England* (James W. Hinds and Patricia L. Hinds, 2008). These field guides to the New England region introduce novices to the art of finding and identifying liverworts and lichens visible to the naked eye.

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