

# BOOK REVIEW

**Cactáceas de Chihuahua: Tesoro Estatal en Peligro de Extinction.** By Toutcha Lebgue Keleng and Gustavo Quintana Martínez. 2010. Fondo Mixto-Conacyt, Gobierno del Estado, Chihuahua, Mexico. 243 p. US\$25. softcover. ISBN 978-7788-34-8.

After years of extensive collecting, Dr. Toutcha Lebgue Keleng and Gustavo Quintana Martínez have completed their book, *Cactaceas de Chihuahua: Tesoro Estatal en Peligro de Extinction* (Cactaceae of Chihuahua: State Treasures in Danger of Extinction). Using methodical field surveys, two of México's leading botanists have compiled an easy-to-use field guide to the cacti of Chihuahua. Following biogeographical descriptions of Chihuahua's regional diversity, they provide descriptions of 145 species and 22 varieties of cactus with synonyms, distribution, and habitat descriptions. While keys to genera and species are lacking in this edition (they are to be included in future editions), and photos clearly showing diagnostic traits would be helpful, this book describes the diversity of cacti within a larger region known to have the greatest concentration of cactus species and endemic genera. The book is written in Spanish, but is easily understood by English speakers with a basic understanding of Spanish. Published in México, the book can be purchased by contacting Robert Armijo at [rarmijo@yahoo.com](mailto:rarmijo@yahoo.com).

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