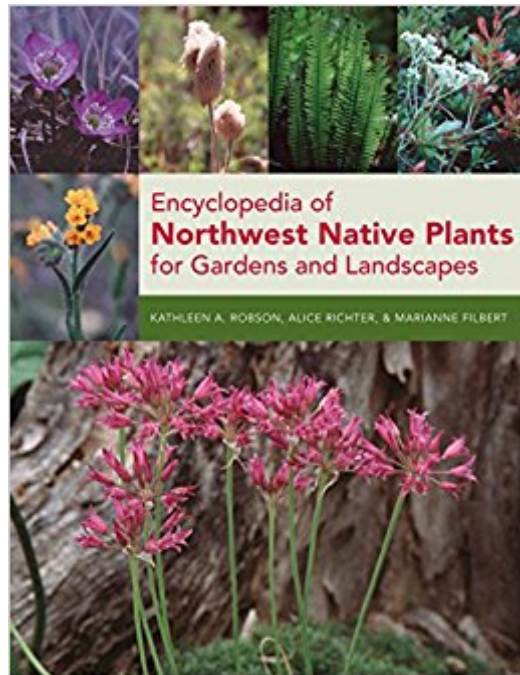




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Encyclopedia Of Northwest Native Plants For Gardens And Landscapes



Synopsis

This comprehensive reference describes plants native to the Pacific Northwest—the ferns and conifers; annuals, perennials, and grasses; and flowering trees and shrubs that populate and define this distinctive region. Featured are some 530 subject species that occur naturally from southwestern Alaska to Oregon's border with California, and from the coast east to Idaho, plants that are not only beautiful ornamentals but important components of habitat diversity. Illustrated throughout with nearly 600 eye-popping color photographs and original pen-and-ink drawings, the book is smartly separated by plant type into five encyclopedic sections. Detailed descriptions include recommendations for cultivation and siting, from streambanks to parking strips, and lists suggesting natives for particular garden situations or themes—arid or sodden; hedgerows and meadows; hummingbird and rock gardens—concludes the book. Gardeners and conservationists alike will find much of value and interest in this impeccably presented and illustrated regional resource, which is sure to become a classic on the subject.

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Customer Reviews

Gardening with native plants is growing across the country. The authors included 530 species found in the Pacific Northwest, from California to Alaska and inland to Idaho. Many of these species (or similar ones) are also found in other parts of North America, where they may be native or were introduced. The authors emphasize that they are only including plants native to the region though the climate has favored garden escapees and introduced species that became naturalized

“wildflowers.” This is not a field guide but a set of notes for the gardener, landscape designer, or land manager who may be selecting plants for specific settings or habitats or to produce a particular artistic effect. The entries are divided into five categories (ferns, conifers, annuals, perennials, and shrubs and trees) and include scientific and common names, hardiness zones, descriptions, cultivation and propagation tips, native range(s) in the Northwest, and, frequently, notes about the plant. Entries are accompanied by color photographs and, in some cases, drawings. With all its differences in elevation, moisture, temperature gradients, and aspects, the Pacific Northwest requires a complex climate-zone map, found in the introductory section along with remarks on the ecosystems. In addition to the individual descriptions, there are lists of suggested plants for drought tolerance, shade, meadows, rock gardens, hummingbirds, sandy areas, erosion control, and other specific situations and purposes. This large, handsome, easy-to-use reference book is recommended for libraries in the region or serving patrons interested in native plant gardening. --Linda Scarth

“Loaded with good suggestions on how best to use natives in our gardens.”
•Seattle Times "Loaded with good suggestions on how best to use natives in our gardens." Valerie Easton, Seattle Times

I borrowed this big book from the library and found it so helpful that I renewed it. When my time period was finally up, I decided that I had to add it to my collection, bought it, and can't wait for it to arrive. With stunning photos, this book is gorgeous enough for the coffee table, but make no mistake, it is a comprehensive guide for the gardener interested in growing native plants, or even someone who just loves to be able to identify them. The layout makes it easy to find plants, and the index is extensive. I am a serious native plant lover/gardener, and while I own lots of other books about them, this one is a must-have. Highly recommended!

From its well-written descriptions, detailed illustrations and helpful photography this is a definitive must-have book for any northwest native gardener. A lot of gardening books are mostly for show - and there is a place for those types of books. You'll find this one, however, getting smudged and dog-eared from repeated usage. In fact, if your preferred nursery does not have one on its counter for reference you may beat the wrong nursery

This is my gardening bible. I'd be lost without it.

I used this book during a PNW native plants in the landscape course while working towards a degree in horticulture. It is an easy read with lots of useful information on natives (such as where to use and where not to use. Great book for anyone wanting to use native plants on your property or planning others.

Incredible source, and gorgeous enough to be a coffee table book!

Very informative with large pictures

An excellent resource.

Then this is the book for you. Comprehensive in types of plants and succinct in their requirements, you'll likely be as pleased as I was to find this helpful gem. Great pictures are included.

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