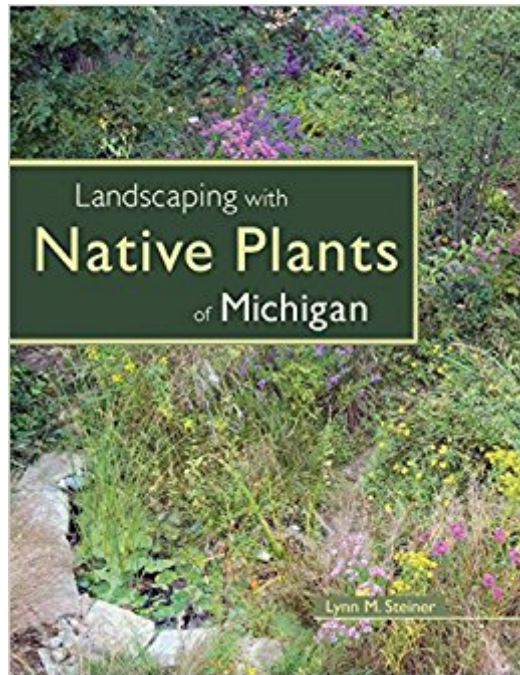




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Landscaping With Native Plants Of Michigan



Synopsis

Landscaping with Native Plants of Michigan is designed for beginning and experienced gardeners who want to learn more about Michigan's unique native-plant communities and how to successfully incorporate them into their home landscapes. It combines the practicality of a field guide with all the basic information homeowners need to create an effective landscape design. The plant profiles section includes comprehensive descriptions of more than 600 native plant species, subspecies, and varieties of flowers, trees, shrubs, vines, evergreens, grasses, and ferns that have grown in Michigan since the time before European settlement. Information on planting, maintenance, and landscape uses for each plant is also included. Readers will also gain many creative ideas from the section featuring Michigan gardeners who have successfully incorporated native plants into their home landscapes.

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Steiner, Lynn M.

This is the book that I see everyone carting around at my local native plant supplier. I can't imagine there's a better book on Michigan's native plants out there. We took it out from the library so many times that we finally just decided to buy our own copy. (Hopefully it never goes out of print; I imagine our copy will one day be so dirty that it's no longer readable.) The book covers lots of ground, so to speak, and is a joy to flip through, with loads of full color photos. It covers landscaping, common problems (like the neighbors who don't "get" the native plant thing), which non-natives might look nice with the natives, etc. One note: Some plants are listed that we haven't been able to get from our local native plant place. So, before you fall too in love with the idea of a certain plant, make sure you can get it in the nursery trade. For instance, we loved the idea of Michigan lilies, but weren't able to get them. It's hard to be disappointed for long, though, when there are so many other lovely natives. I will try to update this review with some photos of natives in our yard that we purchased after reading the book. You can find some of the info in this book on the 'net, but honestly, it's so worth it to have it all in one place and nicely organized, as it is in this book. If you want to plant some Michigan natives, just get the book. (Or take it out from the library... but eventually you'll want your own copy!)

I am buying a house that has virtually no landscaping, so I am starting completely from scratch. This is a great, thorough guide to choosing, planting, and maintaining native plants appropriate to one's soil conditions and geography -- it's nice to have the information I need to get started in one book so I don't have to sift through information piecemeal online.

An excellent book with lots of practical advice for home gardeners and landscapers living in Michigan. Gives the color, bloom time, height and growth patterns of many different plants - flowers, trees - and so on. I like looking at the pictures and getting a better understanding of how the plants will look when in bloom.

Like the overall book. The only drawback in my opinion is it doesn't always tell us if the plant seeds and if the birds will partake of the seed.

I am an Advanced Master Gardener and have loaned this book to many friends who have all

ultimately bought the book. The trend is now to plant more native species and this is an excellent reference book. If you want to plant a raingarden or just incorporate more hardy native perennials into your existing landscape this is the book for you. People think native plants are just a bunch of weeds, but this book shows you that isn't true.

Just what I needed for my new landscaping.

I love this book! It is well-organized and an amazing reference book. I read this book cover to cover and have opened it an additional 25+ times to find specific plants for specific locations.

Nice book

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