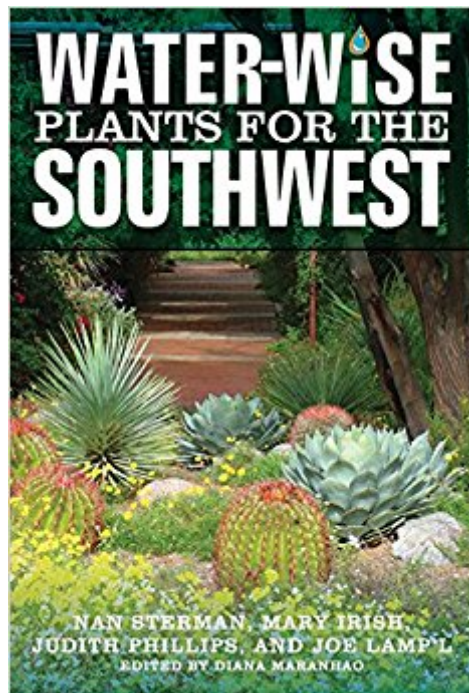




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I moved to AZ from another part of the country and found the vegetation here confusing. This book has helped me tremendously in picking out appropriate plants for my garden. The book does not cover all desert plants/trees but ones that are deemed "water wise". I found it helpful that the authors also cited plants that would compliment the one that was being discussed. This is very useful when planting or planning your own garden. I was able to group things according to their recommendations. I continue to use this book on a yearly basis to review water and various information to keep my plants growing and healthy throughout the summers and the winters in AZ.

This is a nice little book, but too general for Arizona planting. There is good information about HOW to plant, but a very limited selection of actual plants illustrated. I was spoiled by the free material from the classes provided by the city governments here. I figured the book would expand on the classes I took, and it doesn't. If you can't take a water management class, this is a nice book if you're on a limited budget. I would spend more for something larger, and more specific if possible, if I were you.

This is a great planning reference because it is so well organized. Great for the visual learner. A must for anyone in the Southwest.

This is a good book to find out what type of plant survive in our heat in the southeast.

The plant information is excellent and so are the pictures. However, some of the rest of the book doesn't seem well-integrated. The text font is fairly small and the part printed on green background is difficult for older eyes to read. More importantly, the zone labels on the Arizona map don't seem to match up with any other zone labels in the book. I rate this as a major defect, making the book much harder to use in Arizona. If you can only buy one book, don't make it this one.

This is an excellent book for those of us who live in "transitional" zones for planting in the Southwest. The editor, Diane Maranhao, has done a tremendous job in setting straight such important issues as soil types and planting the right plants for the right places (i.e. soil types, temperatures, sun/shade). I highly recommend this book for anyone in the Southwest or arid climates.

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