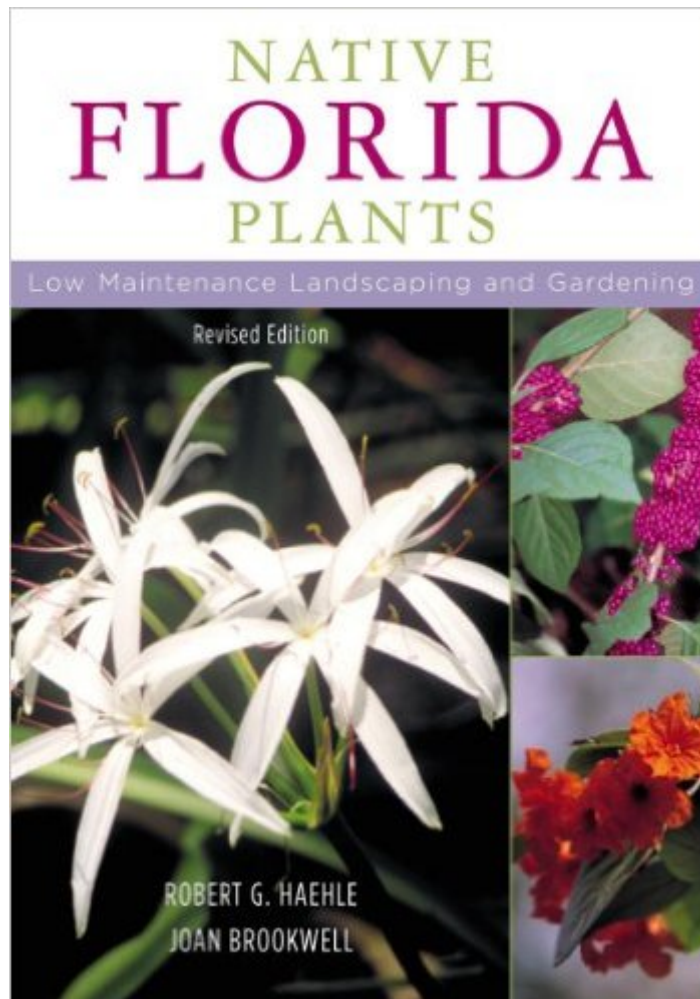


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# Native Florida Plants: Low Maintenance Landscaping And Gardening



## Synopsis

Many counties in Florida now require that new commercial landscapes contain a percentage of native plants. Native landscapes are easier to maintain, use less water and thrive without chemical pesticides and fertilizers. *Native Florida Plants* describes every type of regional flora—from seaside foliage and wildflowers to grassy meadows, shrubs, vines, and aquatic gardens—in 301 profiles and accompanying color photographs.

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## Customer Reviews

For a general introduction to landscaping with native plants in Florida, this is a good book. It includes some introductory chapters with landscape plans for various types of gardens, such as water gardens and wildlife gardens. The main part of the book has a page on each native plant grouped in chapters on palms, shrubs, small trees, large trees, vines, wildflowers, and water plants. The book includes plants for all of Florida, which means there are a quite a few temperate zone plants that grow in the north and central part of the state and not in zone 10 (farthest south), but there are also plenty that grow throughout the state or only in the south. Overall, good photography, plant descriptions and advice make this a good general book for Florida landscaping.

This is a great reference book for anyone living in Florida, who wants to identify and learn about native Florida plants. The book includes a photo of each plant with the common and botanical names. It provides zone numbers and descriptions of each plant's average height & light

requirements. Also, bloom information, fruit, leaves, trunk, habitat, propagation and appearance descriptions. Chapters are divided by basic plant type - large trees, small trees, palm trees, wildflowers, etc.

I really enjoy this book. I feel like an expert on Florida native plant species, just after reading the first 50 pages. The photos make plant identification extremely easy. I highly recommend this book to anyone that realizes the importance of restoring Florida back to its natural state. The photography in this book makes the reader aware of how beautiful the native species are. I was not aware how many plants native to this area have suffered because of overdevelopment and infringement. This book makes me realize how imperative it is to incorporate native plants to not only personal landscaping, but the Florida environment as a whole. Conservationists will appreciate this book as a tool for preserving Florida back to its natural state, and home owners will have the perfect guide for native landscaping.

This book is one of the best! Especially for us Floridians who enjoy landscaping. It's easy to use, understand, and best of all has tons of pictures. We've used it a lot with our new home, and it's coming together nicely. Thanks grandma!

This book provides a good overview on the benefits of using native plants. When it comes to the plants included, however, the authors have an acknowledged bias toward South Florida, so it may not be the best choice if you are not in that part of the state. A more serious drawback is the photography. There are no photographs of residential landscapes using native plants, from which one might draw inspiration, and most of the plant profiles contain only one photo, generally a close-up, so one has no idea of the plant's shape or growth habit. A number of additional plants have been included in this updated edition, but rather than placing them under the appropriate category, they are appended at the end.

This book was recommended by my Biology instructor at University of Tampa. I have added it to my library. Great photos and descriptions.

I am the co-author of "Native Florida Plants". The new revised edition was printed in early 2004. The new book is not listed on [www..com](http://www..com) I think the problem may be the different ISBN number. The new ISBN number is 1-58979-051-0. The book is available from National Books Network at

1-800-462-6420. We hope to see our book on [www..com](http://www..com) very soon. This is a great site to get new and used books. I am a customer. Robert Haehle

I can't think of a way to improve this book. It's been invaluable to me. The pictures are excellent, as are the descriptions of the various plants' growth habits, needs, and wildlife attracting properties, etc.

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