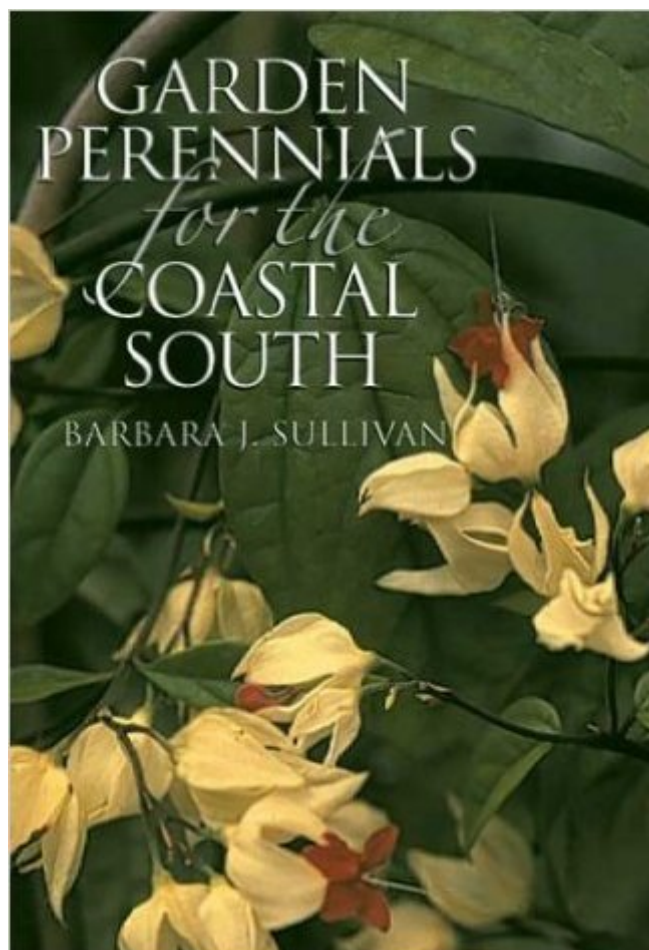


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# Garden Perennials For The Coastal South



## Synopsis

Finally: a book that addresses the unique challenges of gardening in the coastal South. Master Gardener Barbara Sullivan provides an authoritative guide for gardeners from Tidewater Virginia to Florida and all along the Gulf Coast from Florida to Texas, an area taking in USDA Zones 7b, 8, 9, and 10. Combining helpful gardening advice with an A-to-Z plant guide that describes more than 1,000 plant varieties and cultivars, *Garden Perennials for the Coastal South* will become an essential reference for both experienced and novice gardeners in this region. The book is organized to allow planning a year-round garden or focusing on a particular season. Sections separate subtropical plants, vines, herbs, groundcovers, ferns, heat- and drought-tolerant plants, shade plants, bulbs, ornamental grasses, and annuals, as well as address disease-resistant roses for the region. More than 200 color photographs illustrate individual plants and provide examples of beautiful landscape design. Rounding out the book's usefulness is information on the basics of landscaping, soil preparation, plant care, propagation, diseases, and pests. Whether you are new to the coastal South or a lifelong resident, you will find *Garden Perennials for the Coastal South* an indispensable addition to your gardening bookshelf.

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This is a beautiful book you can trust to provide solid guidance on growing not only perennials, but companion annuals and vines that tolerate hot, humid conditions. Sullivan also presents lots of ideas for creating beautiful gardens in a range of sites, such as deep shade or at the beach. One of

my favorite sections is called "Don't even think of growing these plants here," in which she shares wisdom on plants that are doomed in this climate. Every coastal gardener should have this book.

I bought this book thinking that it would cover my area, which is southern, and coastal. I forgot that Coastal South denotes a specific horticultural zone, which does not include most of Florida; only the northern panhandle. I can't use this book, and I can't return it because it's opened. Not cool.

This met many of my needs as I am a novice gardener and new to the coastal South. I also prefer perennials over annuals. The language is easy, and it gives detailed considerations/recommendations by seasons. This will be my key reference book.

I got this book from the library and after reading it cover to cover, I bought a copy. I am a Master Gardener, but I'm just returning to the coastal south from the west. There are so many plants that just will not grow here that it seems a shame to waste time, effort, and money on those that won't. This book 'tells it like it is' with a list of "Don't even think about growing that". But then there's the list of all the wonderful things that grow and grow well here with very little effort, with details about their needs. On top of all the great information, the book is pretty enough for a coffee table. My only little complaint is the section on annuals. Since the title says perennials, I think it's misplaced effort. It's certainly correct information, but the author could have put the pages to use with more perennials, after all, there are so many. Update: Having had the book now for months, I must say that I keep referring to it. This one will be a reference book for many years. Well worth the cost.

We use this book constantly in my gardening club. The master gardener who runs our group believes that everyone who gardens in the south should have a copy. It is so informative and easy to use even for a beginner like myself.

I have many garden books and this is absolutely the best one for the coastal south region. I bought one for myself several years ago and just purchased one for a gift. I have recommended this book several times to other gardeners in this area. It is beautifully presented with many colorful pictures and the research on plants that will tolerate and thrive in the coastal south is invaluable. Didi/  
Savannah, Georgia

I was predisposed to like this book because it was written by a Carolina Master Gardener. My

instincts were correct. I like this book. It is well organized with over 1,000 plants and cultivars and has more than 200 excellent color photographs of plants and beautiful landscape designs. It even has sections on plant care, propagation, diseases and pests. And it's written in basic Master Gardener-eze. That is, a no nonsense approach to evaluating the attributes and faults of each plant. I love the chapter on "The Best and Worst Plants for Coastal Gardens". There are chapters on Vines, Ferns, Bulbs, Ornamental Grasses, Companion Plants, Seasonal Plants, Plants for Sub-Tropical gardens (perfect for Beaufort County) and so much more, as well as loads of gardening tips. And even though the book is mostly about perennials, it has a great selection of recommended annuals. This book will not bore you with heavy and useless information. It's written for gardeners after all, not botanists or scholars. And while most books about southern gardening include mountains and hot dry regions, this book is written for gardeners in the hot and humid climate that is the signature of the Lowcountry. It would make a great gift for your favorite gardener...yourself!

I challenge anyone to find a more complete book on this subject matter. The only thing it lacks is photos of the extensive plants listed in the addendum, but in this world of on line searches one only needs to enter the botanical name provided and photos and articles pop up. This is an excellent primary source for southern coastal gardeners.

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