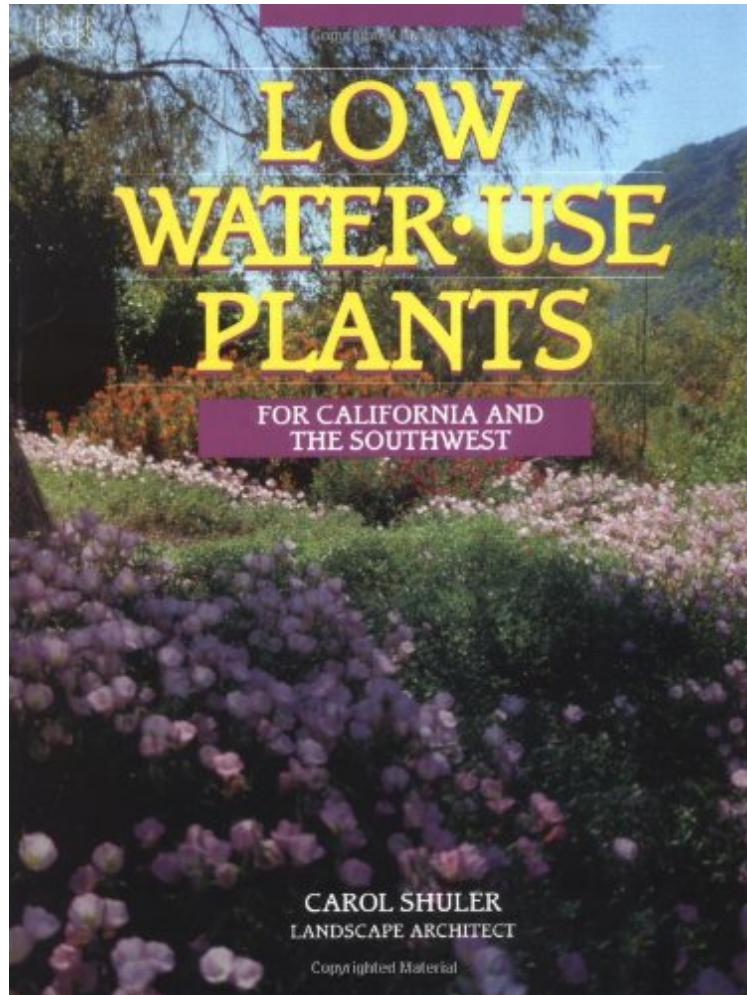


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to desert gardener's resource book By Slim What a find. This author really knows her desert plants AND landscape design for Arizona. I actually bought this book locally a few years back when we moved to Arizona from Florida. We love gardening and because we moved from a wet, sandy-soil environment to the desert we started researching desert gardening resource materials. This book proved to be the most valuable. Example: the back of the book includes several charts and drawings that help you design your planting areas using arid and oasis zones based on plant need, sun exposure and irrigation with specific plants suggested for each zone. Result: long-term landscape designs that improve with age rather than planting that require constant 'tinkering' (replacing dead plants, moving plants that prove unsuitable for an area, etc.) 20 of 20 people found the following review helpful. Not for native plant enthusiasts By L. K. Pickett "Low-Water-Use Plants" is a good book for someone interested in landscaping with drought-tolerant plants. Shuler provides excellent plant descriptions and details on garden uses. I would have gotten great use out of this book when I first became interested in low-water-use gardening after purchasing my first house in California. I have now become primarily interested in native plants, however, and Shuler's book only includes a few these. For budding native plant enthusiasts I would recommend Marjore G. Schmidt's "Growing native California Plants" and Sally Wasowski's "Native Landscaping from El Paso to L.A."

A colorful guide to water-thrifty trees, shrubs, ground covers, vines, and accent plants.

About the Author Carol F. Shuler, L. A. is president of C. F. Shuler, Inc., a landscape architecture firm in Scottsdale, Arizona. She studied architecture, landscape architecture and horticulture at the University of Arizona. Since 1970, she has provided consulting services in Arizona, Nevada and California. During her career, she has resolved diverse design challenges from urban pedestrian malls to riparian habitat mitigation. Shuler applies the principles of horticulture and ecology in every design for the purpose of achieving climate mitigation, erosion control and improved wildlife habitat. The result, through lowered water and energy use, is a landscape that is friendly to the environment. Shuler's appreciation of the fragility of the native southwestern environment propels her work. Most of her large-scale projects include salvaging native plants prior to construction for reuse in the landscape. Since 1989, her firm has tagged over 15,000 plants for salvage. Shuler is a leader in innovative landscape approaches that mesh the expertise of engineers, hydrologists and landscape architects to find environmentally responsible solutions to site conditions. Her award-winning work combines ecology, horticulture and the mitigation of natural elements such as climate and flood control, earning her a reputation as a pioneer in her field.