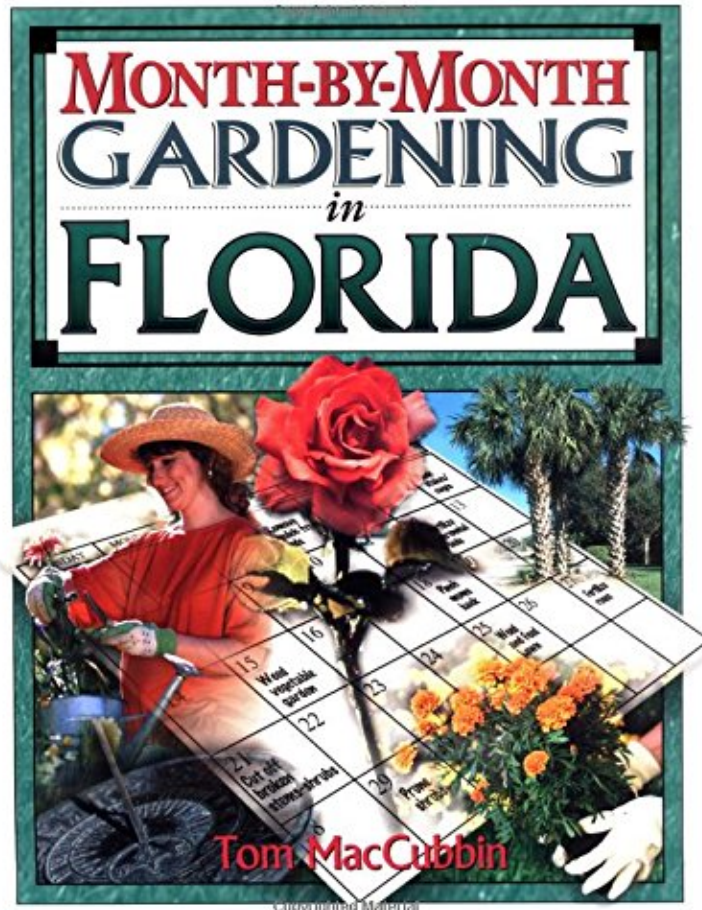


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Tom MacCubbin : Month-by-Month Gardening in Florida before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Month-by-Month Gardening in Florida:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Good reference, fairly general but easy to get supplementary details from U. of FL Extension websiteBy Ro MaThe minute this anxiously-awaited book arrived I cut away its tenacious shrink-pack wrapping and started reading. Over a period of one evening and the next morning I went through the table of contents and several chapters of personal interest, followed by browsing through several more chapters.To put my comments in context I should note that my wife and I had a condo in south central coastal Florida for many years and were limited to a bit of container gardening on the lanai. However, last year we moved into a house with a large yard that contains oaks, palm trees, several types of as-yet unidentified jungle-looking plants, hibiscus, liriopé, bougainvillea, a couple of banana trees, a lime tree, a Meyer lemon tree, and on and on. With such a wonderful plant assemblage we of course want to maintain the yard properly and add to it in a way that will enhance an already

attractive setting. The particular value of this book is that it provides, as its title indicates, a calendar of what one should be doing each month with each major category of plant: annuals, bulbs, citrus, fruits, herbs and vegetables, houseplants, lawns, perennials, roses, shrubs, trees and palms, vines and grasses, and water gardens. For example, I am writing this review in January and in order to know what I should be doing in the yard this month I go to the chapter on shrubs and turn to the January page, go to the chapter on citrus and turn to the January page, etc. The difficulty is that Florida has several climate zones and sub-zones and the plants that will survive and prosper in one zone may not make it in others. Conveying these sometimes subtle zonal distinctions and detailed cultivation requirements for virtually every kind of plant that will grow in Florida would take a book several times as thick as this one, so this book is not the Holy Grail-type encyclopedia many of us would love to find. However, the month-by-month approach to each major plant category is an excellent way to organize the book and makes it pretty easy to focus what one should be doing in the yard each month. Also, I have found that the way to go beyond the sometimes too-general statements and descriptions of this book is to supplement them with books or other publications that focus on specific types of plants in my own yard. For example, the book mentions some very basic information about banana plants but for detailed information about cultivation and seasonal issues I definitely have to go elsewhere (and not just for bananas). In particular, I find the on-line bulletins of the U. of Florida Extension to be very detailed and helpful supplements to this book; and, best of all, there is a free website: google University of Florida extension. The UF Extension also has a month-by-month gardening guide organized by north, central and south zones; there is only one page per month per zone, but it does have links to many useful supplementary articles. A shortcoming of the book is the lack of photos of the plants listed in each chapter, though of course adding such photos would increase the price of the book and make it at least twice as thick. The work-around is to look online or invest in one of the many good Florida plant books that has lots of color photos. Actually, anyone who does gardening soon comes to realize that you can't have just one book on gardening--if you have one you will probably have half a dozen or more. Bottom line: This book immediately earned a prominent place on my bookshelf and I know I will consult it several times a month because I have several different types of plants in my yard with cultivation requirements that vary from month to month and from species to species. Just be prepared to seek more detailed information from other sources when this book's more general descriptions and prescriptions need fleshing out.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Florida Gardeners Bible! By Mrs. W.E. Crownover I know I have reviewed this book before on other sites. If you are an avid Gardener in Florida, this is the book you must not be without! Even someone new to our tropical climate can successfully grow a garden the first season if they follow the advice in this book to the letter. I am a 5th generation Master Gardener from Florida and I still find use for this book on a daily basis! This is the perfect book for anyone who is deciding to grow a garden for the first time or, someone who has moved to this climate and are finding it a challenge to grow things in our heat and humidity. Not only does it give not quite exhaustive list of fruits vegetables house plants trees Lawns herbs annuals perennials, etcetera but it also gives you warnings. It will give you planting dates and then when you turn the page it will give you a two-week warning... Like, "the third week in February is the last chance you will have to plant carrots successfully". This is a practical, functional book. It is not full of glossy pictures but, rather sketches of things you actually need to know.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Speaking from experience.....couldn't be happier ! By davie robinson After living in Fla for over 20 years trying every gardening book out there. Finally found this a few years back it was the answer to my prayers. Everything from annuals, perennials to shrubs each by month in one resource. My daughter just bought her first home here this is one of the first house (garden) warming gifts I purchased for her. This book has everything she will ever need to know about Florida gardening.....she loves it! I can't believe the money I could have saved not only on books but plant material if I had only found this little gem sooner. I literally had to forget about the way I learned to garden back north.

Do I prune my hydrangea in the fall or do I wait until early spring? When is it safe to put out tomatoes? Can I divide iris now? If you have ever asked yourself questions like these, Month-by-Month Gardening in Florida is for you.

Gardening is a journey, not a destination. The day-by-day gardening experiences - planting a few onion sets in the first warm afternoon of spring the surprises - a purple crocus before the snow has even gone the satisfaction - fresh green beans on the dinner table, or tomatoes, bright and red, safely in quart jars these are the things that keep the gardener coming back year after year. Month-by-Month Gardening in Florida is packed with information that explains what needs to be done and when it needs to be done in the Florida garden. Topics include: The most effective planting techniques. How and when to prune. The best season for fertilizing your lawn. The differences between bare-root, container, and balled-and-burlapped plants. Eleven plant categories, including Annuals, Bulbs, Herbs, Vegetables, Houseplants, Lawns, Perennials, Roses, Shrubs, and Trees. Twelve monthly calendars for each plant category - 132 calendars in all! - that make it easy to find the proper gardening advice. Whatever your gardening interests or the time of year, you can take the guesswork and mystery out of gardening. You will become a more satisfied gardener and your garden will show it!

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