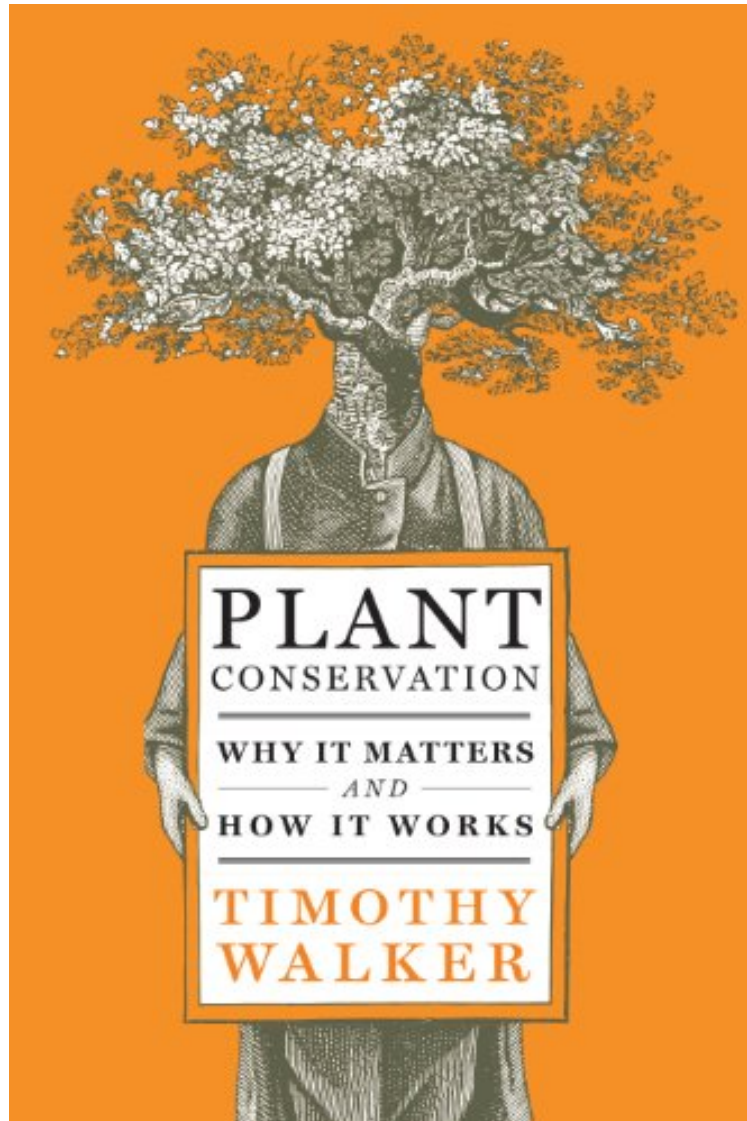


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Plant ConservationBy Stephanie"Without plants, there is no life."A comprehensive text for plant conservation that easily could have read as a text-book, but was definitely more entertaining and written so anyone could understand and professionals could still learn something from.Author Timothy Walker brings us through the beginnings of plant life as we know it through modern day conservation

methods using the 2020 Strategy for Global Plant Conservation. This book will walk you through the five objectives and sixteen targets for the Strategy. A very down-to-earth writing style is employed and there is not a lot of gloom-and-doom that is sometimes typically included in conservation books, but there is definitely hope. Included are specific examples of how each conservation method is actually being employed today and ways everyday gardeners can help the effort. Good for students, gardeners and anyone interested in plant life. This book was received for free in return for an honest review.

Plants ability to turn sunlight into energy makes them the basis for all life; without them there is no life. And they are more than just a food source they provide us with fuel, fibers, and pharmaceuticals. Global warming and the destruction of natural habitats are a serious threat to many plants, and there are worldwide efforts to mitigate the disaster. Plant Conservation tackles this essential topic head on. Timothy Walker, as the director of the Oxford Botanical Garden, a leader in the field of plant conservation, plays a key role in this effort. He highlights what is happening now, from cataloging the worlds flora to conservation efforts like protecting plants from overcollecting. He also shows home gardeners how they can become involved, whether by growing their own food to decrease reliance on large agriculture or by making smart plant choices by growing natives and avoiding invasives. Plant Conservation treats a critical topic in an accessible and optimistic way. It is required reading for students, professionals, and anyone with a keen interest in the importance of plants.

From Booklist The true building blocks of civilization, plants furnish the fuel humans need for their bodies and industry, provide the raw materials for clothing and shelter, and, increasingly, are essential components of advanced and complex medical therapies. Plants are also very much in danger. Due to climate change and habitat destruction, genetic modification and overconsumption, plant species are going extinct at an alarming rate. But thanks to the dedicated efforts of scores of botanists, scientists, and government officials around the world, the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC) was developed at the dawn of this century to set quantifiable goals for conserving plants and seeds to be accomplished by 2020. An attainable target or an exercise in futility? Nimbly combining hard science with appealing anecdotes, Walker succinctly identifies the initiatives primary objectives and examines the ways, both large and small, that gardeners and grassroots activists, biologists and backyard nature buffs can get involved to guarantee that the earths precious and diverse plant culture lives on. --Carol Haggas Walker showcases his extensive experience interacting with plant enthusiasts. The book is neither a how-to manual nor a dry textbook. Its conversational tone is reminiscent of the lectures one might find on an educational tour. Choice A whirlwind tour of everything from invasive species to the history of life on earth, from seed banks to GM crops. The Garden