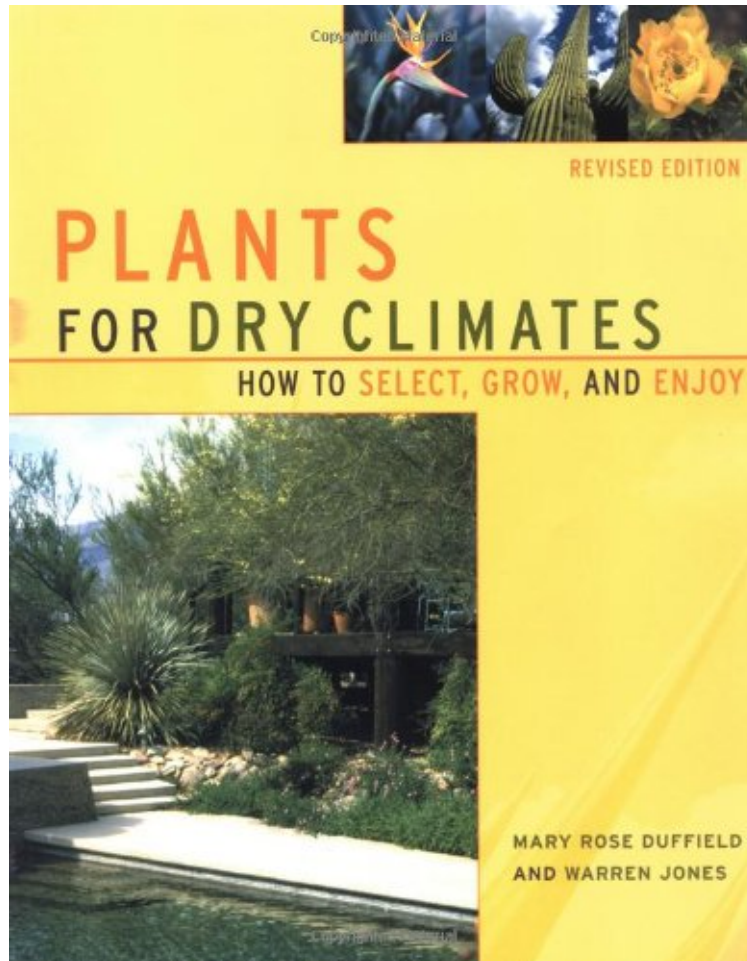


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Good Old Basic Stand-ByBy Desert Dogs2This is a good, basic reference book for anyone who works with or just enjoys plants and lives in a desert environment. I had gotten rid of my older copy and missed it so much I ordered this one. This one is a newer version and has color pictures! Not fancy, just good information on a wide variety of plants.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very helpfulBy Michelle M BurchettIf you live in a dry climate, this book can be very helpful. It has a great breakdown of the different arid climates that I think is more useful than the traditional zones. It addresses the ingredients of your climate including cold and frost, heat, rainfall, winds, and humidity. It also has a section of microclimates.The charts and

illustrations are great. I liked the descriptions of the plants, especially the notes on special design features, uses, disadvantages, and planting and care. I found this to be an all-around useful book. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Informative, but a bit daunting
By David F. Nolan
This is one of two gardening books we bought after moving to Arizona two years ago; the other is "Arizona Gardener's Guide" by Mary Irish. Of the two, this is probably the more informative, but the wealth of information it contains is not presented in the most user-friendly way. Plants are listed using their proper botanical names (i.e. in Latin) rather than the common names that most people are likely to be familiar with. The photography is first-rate, and the "how to" explanations are mostly clear and easy to follow. If you live in Arizona, and only want to buy one book, I'd recommend the Arizona Gardener's Guide, as it is AZ-specific. If you live outside Arizona, this is probably the better choice -- although you might want to buy both, as they have different strengths.

The desert Southwest is booming, with western counties consistently leading in population growth over the past decade. Yet while the Southwest has plenty of people and plenty of heat and sunshine, water remains at a premium. From Southern California to West Texas, in Arizona and Nevada and New Mexico, homeowners seek new ways to enjoy a lush environment while conserving precious water resources. *Plants for Dry Climates* is the only book of its kind to cater to this thirsty audience, with information that comprises both good landscape design and essential cultural information for nearly 450 plants. It gives readers all the information they need to plan a complete landscape that includes both mini-oasis features as well as arid-landscape plantings. This revised edition of *Plants for Dry Climates* provides complete descriptions of more than 350 plant species in an extensive plant encyclopedia section, with entries including description, situational photo, and requirements: zone, soil, sun, water, temperature, and maintenance.

"A splendid introduction to desert gardening." -- Sun City News-Sun 03/21/04
"An extensive reference book...a good book to daydream over when planning a desert garden." -- New Mexico Magazine, 8/02
"The first comprehensive plant book devoted to the growing conditions of our region...An essential resource." -- Phoenix Home Garden March 2004
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