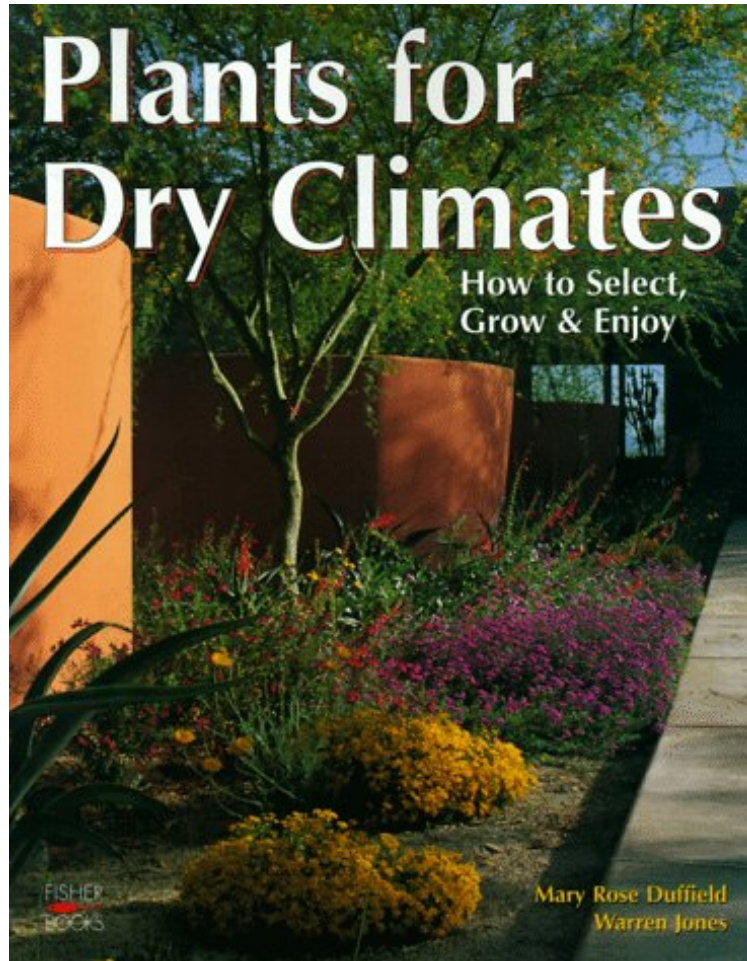


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Mary Rose Duffield : Plants For Dry Climates before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Plants For Dry Climates:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Good Old Basic Stand-By-By Desert Dogs2 This 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 helpful By Michelle M Burchett If 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.

Packed with full-color photos, easy-to-read charts and information, this reference and how-to book is a necessity for anyone interested in dry-climate plants. It teaches you how to personalize your garden or landscape design. Plants for Dry Climates offers complete descriptions of more than 300 species, including a variety of low-maintenance and drought-resistant plants. Over 430 color photographs and useful plant charts help you choose your annuals, perennial color, ground cover and trees. You will also learn how to modify the microclimate in your garden or landscape. Reduce glare and control wind and air flow to create the perfect atmosphere for your landscape plants. Combined with detailed information on growth characteristics and specific soil, sun, water, temperature and maintenance needs, you'll have all you need to successfully grow plants in California and the Southwest.

"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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