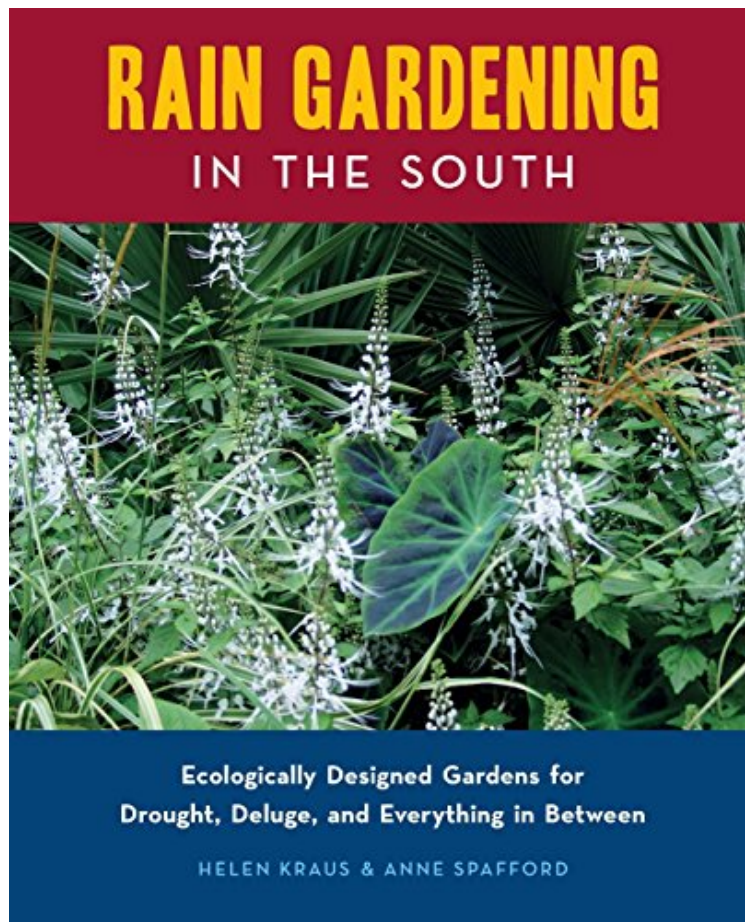


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Lots of good ideas, information. Of all the rain gardening books I have read, this is one of my favorites.

The first book directed at the consumer/home gardener market on this important new gardening movement, *Rain Gardening in the South* is a colorful, readable how-to guide on creating beautiful gardens that capture and use water that runs off roofs, driveways, and other hard surfaces in our landscape. Written by horticulturists Helen Kraus and Anne Spafford, *Rain Gardening in the South* helps gardeners use our most precious resource wisely. Rain gardens maximize rainwater, enhance the landscape, and promote environmental stewardship. Runoff from our yards, roofs, and driveways contributes more than a third of the pollution that ends up in our nation's waterways. Rain gardens, which function as miniature water reservoirs and filtration systems, offer effective and visually pleasing solutions that dramatically reduce toxic runoff, resulting in cleaner rivers, lakes, and oceans. Ironically, rain gardens are more drought tolerant than most conventional gardens. Because of plant selection and their ability to store water, rain gardens flourish during dry spells as well as rainy seasons, making them particularly conducive to the South and its unpredictable rainfall. This four-color book addresses the specific environmental circumstances of southern gardeners, including climate issues, plant selection, and soil types. The book offers readers step-by-step instruction on constructing such gardens, from the design stage to post-planting maintenance. It also includes extensive design tips, plant lists, and soil amendment instructions, as well as a chapter on troubleshooting.

"With on-going urban growth and regional climate changes, *Rain Gardening in the South* provides timely lessons and much-needed factual information, reminding us along the way that we are better stewards of the environment with water-wise gardening." --Bobby J. Ward, author of *The Plant Hunters Garden* --*The Plant Hunters Garden*  
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