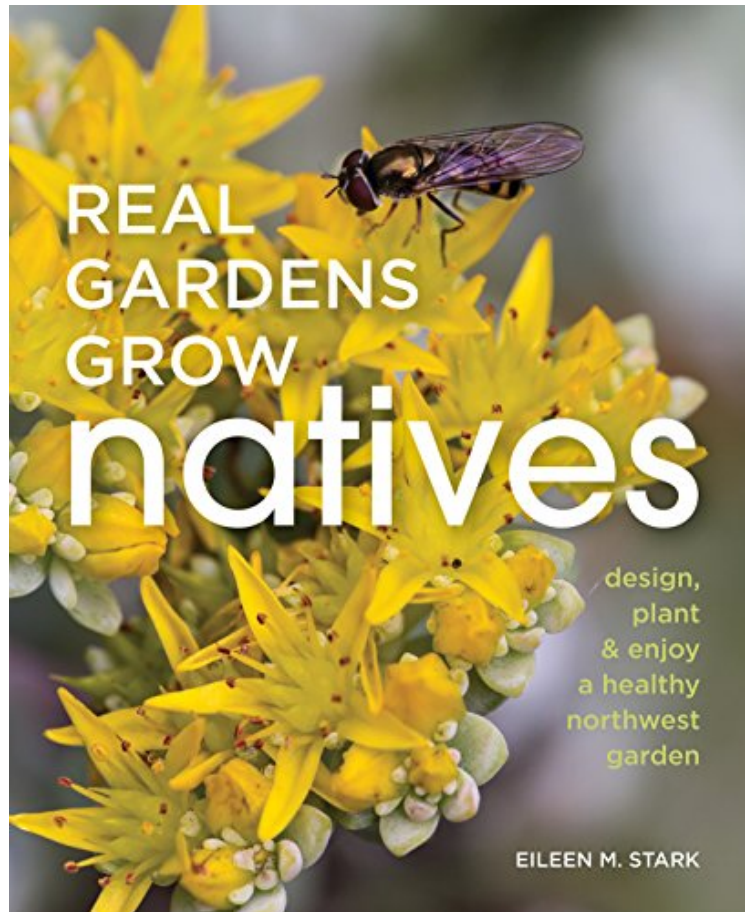


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Eileen Stark : Real Gardens Grow Natives: Design, Plant, and Enjoy a Healthy Northwest Garden before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Real Gardens Grow Natives: Design, Plant, and Enjoy a Healthy Northwest Garden:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Practical and BeautifulBy TanagerI've created a local pollinator-supporting movement in Portland called Pollinator Parkways, and have been reading a lot of books as part of my research for the project.This one is especially nice because not only does it focus on this region, the author gives special consideration to pollinators, has gorgeous photos (which I'm already using when talking to people who want to create pollinator space in their areas) and is fun to read. She has diagrams and outlines as examples for creating your own space, and a list of 100 stunning native plants with full-page profiles at the end.My one and only suggestion is to have more photos of naturescaped gardens. There aren't very many.I'd especially love images that show a design next to the real version of the design.All in all, I find this book very useful. I read it in a week!2 of 2 people found the

following review helpful. Beautifully designed and writtenBy lisa wathneBeautifully designed and written, this book was a huge help to me in choosing native plants for my shade garden.0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Gardeners will love Real Gardens Grow Natives by Kristin OhlsonBy Sherrill D. MorganA very comprehensive book with a fine ecological sense. Ever think about how humans have disturbed the natural ecosystems around them? This book shows how planting native trees, shrubs and smaller plants can support the complex web of insects, birds, amphibians, reptiles and even smaller critters, to reestablish some of what originally existed in the Pacific Northwest.

For many people, the most tangible and beneficial impact they can have on the environment is right in their own yard. Aimed at beginning and veteran gardeners alike, Real Gardens Grow Natives is a stunningly photographed guide that helps readers plan, implement, and sustain a retreat at home that reflects the natural world. Gardening with native plants that naturally belong and thrive in the Pacific Northwest's climate and soil not only nurtures biodiversity, but provides a quintessential Northwest character and beauty. Gardeners or conservationists who lack the time to read through lengthy design books and plant lists or can't afford a landscape designer will find Real Gardens Grow Natives accessible yet comprehensive as it provides the inspiration and clear instruction needed to create and sustain aesthetically-pleasing, functional, and undemanding gardens. With expert knowledge from professional landscape designer Eileen Stark, Real Gardens Grow Natives includes:* Detailed profiles of 100 select native plants for the Pacific Northwest west of the Cascades, plus related species, helping make plant choice and placement straightforward* Methods to enhance or restore habitat and increase biodiversity* Landscape design guidance for various-sized yards, including sample plans * Ways to integrate natives and edibles into existing gardens * Specific planting procedures and secrets to healthy soil * Advice for easy maintenance using organic methods

With Ms. Starks book, you have a clear guide to transforming your own patch of the planet into a haven for native plants and animals. She offers advice for all situations even if youre currently stuck with a turf lawn and overbearing hedges, or youre in the unusual situation of tackling a blank slate. (Washington Butterfly Association G'num)But plotting your planting theres a legitimate seasonal activity. Real Gardens Grow Natives: Design, Plant, and Enjoy a Healthy Northwest Garden provides all of the inspirational fodder you need to make your spring plans.Portland landscape designer, conservationist and photographer Eileen Stark persuasively campaigns with ecological as well as practical evidence for going native. Native plants support the food chain, conserve water and are frequently as striking as so-called exotics. Design, plant selection (100 of the most garden-worthy Pacific Northwest indigenous plants), identification, cultivation and display Stark supplies all but the sunshine. (Eugene Register Guard)Supplies all but the sunshine. (Eugene Register Guard)(Author Eileen) Stark gives good suggestions for incorporating natives into the non-native plantings you already have in place. The last half of the book is a very helpful guide to 100 native plants of our region. Theres advice on size, bloom traits, benefits to wildlife, and more, and beautiful photographs accompany every entry. Its heartening to know that, in our own gardens, we can contribute to the health of our planets biodiversity by following this books lead. (Barabara Lloyd McMichael The Bellingham Harold)Rewilding is an antidote to this high-tech, hurry-up, profit-driven world. Its all about reconnecting to the natural world while repairing some of the damage humans have inflicted on Mother Earth. Gardeners, accustomed to seeking respite in nature, seem to be taking to the idea. While the notion has been around for a couple of decades, the word rewilding only made it into the dictionary in 2011.Real Gardens Grow Natives is a new book by Portland landscape designer Eileen Stark that offers a common-sense approach to rewilding. She describes her work as less restoration manual and more a welcome mat for creatures. Stark emphasizes aesthetics as well as ecosystems, with a useful selection of native plants suited to conditions in Northwest cities and suburbs. Even an urban eighth of an acre can provide for other species and inspire neighbors in the process, says Stark. (Valerie Easton Seattle Times)Represents one of the most thorough efforts to review the benefits of regionally native plants, in combination with information on basic garden techniques and design principles. (Washington Park Arboretum Bulletin)From the AuthorThank you for looking into Real Gardens Grow Natives! I'm a garden designer in the Pacific Northwest and have found that many people want to support the local ecology, but find plant selection a bit daunting. I wrote the book to help people more easily establish a garden using plants adapted to the region west of the Cascades.