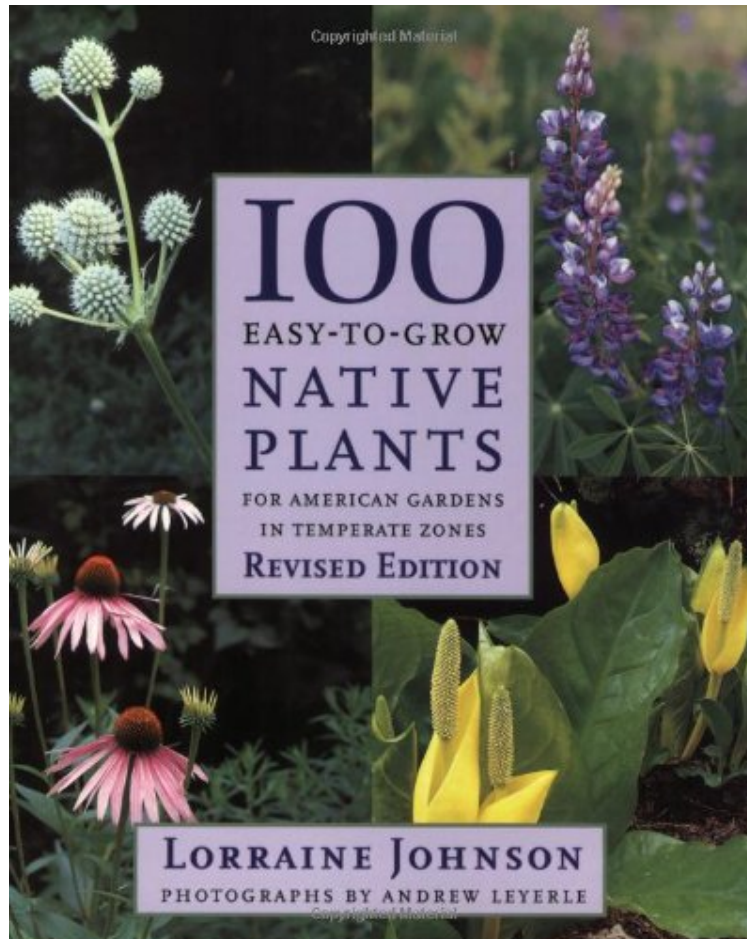


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Lorraine Johnson : 100 Easy-To-Grow Native Plants: For American Gardens in Temperate Zones before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised 100 Easy-To-Grow Native Plants: For American Gardens in Temperate Zones:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Southeast??By DBaiI deducted a star because, for some mysterious reason, the author does not list a single plant as having a native range that includes the southeast! Being an avid native gardener in North Carolina, I know for certain that many of the plants in the book are native here, so I found this conspicuous omission very irritating. This is a wonderful and diverse part of the country, botanically speaking, so why would we be so drastically neglected? Moving past that, it's a charming and handy reference for native plants that do well in gardens.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A must-have for gardenersBy mdwrdsI discovered this book while I was interning at a National Wildlife Refuge and immediately fell in love with it. A lot of people don't

seem to realize that planting non-native plants often results in gardens that don't thrive. Plants native to your area will thrive naturally and require very little garden maintenance! Additionally, planting native plants provides proper food sources for the insects (including butterflies!) of your area, which will in turn invite birds and other wildlife into your garden. This book has great descriptions and pictures of each plant listed, and includes information such as each plant's native habitat, range, soil, sun, and moisture requirements. I especially like the lists at the end of the book which tell you exactly which plants you should plant in which region. Lots of great information! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A great resource! By Glen D. Morrison "100 Easy-to-Grow Native Plants" is an informative and well-organized resource that my family HAD to add to our growing collection of gardening books. Being new to native plant gardening, this book gives us a great starting point to collect information about a lot of the plants we're coming across at native nurseries, and plants that we want to include in our yard. Each plant has a profile page of its own on which you find optimal growing conditions, propagation methods, and excellent companion plant information, among other things. The indices at the back of the book include charts for quick references (very handy for taking to the nursery). I think my local library is grateful that I've finally gotten my own copy of this book rather than continue with checking out and renewing their copy! Very recommended!

As we see exotic plants becoming "invasive exotics," gardeners are seeking native plants for their gardens. Plants that withstand regional conditions and weather patterns deliver a hardier garden and require less maintenance. A pioneering book when first published in 1999, this revised edition is a classic reference that meets the requirements of a changing, tougher landscape. Lorraine Johnson provides a fail-safe guide to beautiful low-maintenance plants native to many regions of the United States. The features include: Handy profiles of each native plant Maintenance requirements Creative suggestions for plant pairings Propagation and cultivation tips Index of plants by botanical name Ethical guidelines for gardeners Updated list of sources. Especially useful are the quick-reference charts that show plants grouped by region, habitat and conditions, for example plants that tolerate dry soil in shade and plants that attract butterflies. A color photograph of each plant makes it easy to compare options and choose the right plant.

From Booklist Johnson defines native plants as those that grew here before European settlement, that is, native to various regions of North America. And by "easy-to-grow," she means plants that require very little maintenance, such as watering, fertilizing, weeding, pruning, etc. The common and botanical name, height, and blooming period of each plant is given, along with its soil, sun, shade, and moisture requirements. Other data includes each plant's native habitat and range (Northeast, prairies, or Northwest), description, propagation, good companions, and related species. Such familiar plants as bee balm, black-eyed Susan, Christmas fern, creeping phlox, Jacob's ladder, purple coneflower, and Virginia bluebells are listed. Each listing includes an attractive color photograph by Andrew Leyerle. There are also 12 plant charts in color, organized by region, habitat, and conditions. Replete with useful ideas and information. George Cohen In this revised edition, Johnson has updated the directory of nurseries that carry the popular plants, making it easier for gardeners to find their selections. (Native Garden Clubs) I've slogged through enough horticultural dogs to know that good gardeners are not always entertaining writers. So it's a delight to find great information as well as breezy prose and humor in Lorraine Johnson's 100 Easy-to-Grow Native Plants. Pithy, single-page plant descriptions are accompanied by beautiful pictures that don't fool a gardener into thinking a plant will be 10 times bigger or more glamorous-looking than it is. (Mary Jane Smetanka Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune 2009-07-28) This is a pleasure to read. It's a simple-format reference text intended to be a quick guide, either in the field as a planning tool or for a quick flip-through at the garden store. Johnson has a breezy style that is a pleasant contrast to the usual stuffy garden guide. As we read through the entries, we can tell that she loves plants, not just for their beauty and interest, but for how they incite our curiosity, get us out of our own heads for a while and bring the complexities of nature under our nose.... Large, glossy pages show off the full-color photos of the plants to their best advantage. (Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel 2009-07-12) [This] is a very nice quick-reference for choosing and cultivating native plants. I highly recommend it as a guide for gardeners looking for tried-and-true perennials that will reduce the amount of maintenance your garden needs. (Tom Torrance Washington Gardener, Vol. 5 No. 3) [for previous edition:] Replete with useful ideas and information. (Booklist 1999-05-01) [for previous edition:] Easy. Easy. Easy. If that's your gardening mantra, this book is for you ... Gardeners who have problem sites will love the excellent charts at the back of the book. (Garden Ideas and Outdoor Living 2000-03-01) [for previous edition:] With her characteristic wit and down-to-earth perspective, Lorraine Johnson has written a failsafe guide to 100 beautiful and low maintenance native plants in the northern regions of the United States. (Green Bay Press-Gazette 2000-09-02) [for previous edition:] Johnson is one of Canada's foremost writers on the sometimes complicated subject [of native plants]. (Robert Howard Hamilton Spectator 2003-10-31) [of previous edition:] Beautiful color photos, shows height, blooming period, exposure and moisture requirements, and habitats and ranges. (Library Journal 1999-06-15) [of previous edition:] This book is an excellent resource ... but what really makes the book useful is the charts in the back that show groups of plants suited for various grown conditions. The plant photos are reprinted on these pages, so you can compare all of the options to each other on the same page. (Nancy Wingate Wilmington News Journal 1999-10-28) About the Author Lorraine

Johnson is the author of several gardening books, including *Grow Wild* and *Tending the Earth*. She also lectures widely and teaches at York University, Canada. Andrew Leyerle's photographs have appeared in many books and magazines.