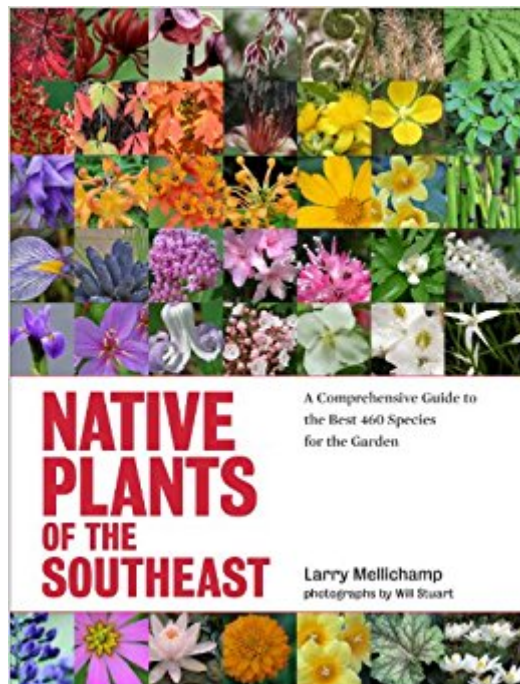




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Native Plants Of The Southeast: A Comprehensive Guide To The Best 460 Species For The Garden



Synopsis

Using native plants in a garden has many benefits. They attract beneficial wildlife and insects, they allow a gardener to create a garden that reflects the native beauty of the region, and they make a garden more sustainable. Because of all this, they are an increasingly popular plant choice for home and public gardens. *Native Plants of the Southeast* shows you how to choose the best native plants and how to use them in the garden. This complete guide is an invaluable resource, with plant profiles for over 460 species of trees, shrubs, vines, ferns, grasses, and wildflowers. Each plant description includes information about cultivation and propagation, ranges, and hardiness. Comprehensive lists recommend particular plants for difficult situations, as well as plants for attracting butterflies, hummingbirds, and other wildlife.

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Customer Reviews

“Beautiful. . . . Mellichamp provides a stepping-off point for those ready to make the leap into native plant gardening in the Southeast.”
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“Larry Mellichamp knows his plants. . . . His impressive work covers 460 native plant species and helps us not only identify wild plants, but also details how each can be used in a cultivated garden.”
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“With concise but comprehensive profiles of plants and how they might best be used in conventional garden settings, lavishly enhanced by photography by veteran wildflower photographer Will Stuart, this book should become the go-to

resource for southern gardeners eager to break out of the "local garden center mode" and truly express their botanical individuality. •Salt Magazine

“Those new to native plant gardening as well as those well-experienced will find much here to add to their horticultural toolkit. Whether one’s interest is wildflowers, grasses, sedges, ferns, bog plants, trees, or all of the above, Mellichamp’s treatise will serve as a welcomed resource. •Gil Nelson, author of *Best Native Plants for Southern Gardens* • Create a garden that reflects the unique beauty of the Southeast region. *Native Plants of the Southeast* shows you the best native plants and how to use them in your garden. 460 species of trees, shrubs, wildflowers, grasses, and ferns Practical cultivation tips Hundreds of beautiful photos Helpful lists of plants for difficult situations, attracting wildlife, and fall color

As a transplant to NC, I’ve been wanting to identify all of the plants are in my mostly wooded acre property that has been untouched for at least 20 years. I’d like to keep quite a bit of it native, but need to clean it up a lot in order for the yard to still be useful to our family. I couldn’t find more than ONE plant in this book that is currently in my yard. I recognized most of the plants in this book from growing up in ND/MN and then living a decade in St. Louis, so these plants aren’t what I would call strictly SE natives. I expected to be able to figure out what was already existing and thriving on my wild property, plan ways to highlight them, keep them manageable, add other natives to go with them, etc. I just didn’t find this book helpful for that. With the authors coming from NC, I expected a heavier emphasis on this area, but I think what’s in here are more for coastal and mountain areas maybe. I haven’t seen these plants in untouched areas here either so maybe that’s another reason I just wasn’t a fan of this book. It’s a beautiful book, coffee table display sized. But it’s just not what I was looking for. I’ve found *The Wildflowers of the Carolinas Field Guide* more helpful for identification of actual plants that are probably in your yard as opposed to ones that it seems like you’re supposed to go buy. (Like I said, I planned on buying more native plants, but with the book being reviewed, I’d have to get rid of everything here and buy all new and I was wanting to play off of what is already here.)

This is a must have book for the gardener in the SE US who is interested in native plants. The author provides a capsule summary of plant characteristics and cultural requirements-- and a lot of beautiful photos of mature specimens.

Borrowed this from the library, and it's such a great book, I bought my own. Photos and descriptions are detailed and I love the "star" rating system he's used which shows you which plants will be most impactful to habitat.

Everything you need to know about native plants, with beautiful clear color photographs. I enjoy relaxing and simply looking at the photos, very peaceful. This is my favorite book to go to for complete information on habitat, range, description, propagation, cultivation and availability. I keep it with me at all times in my garden center. Well worth the price.

It has beautiful photographs that really show the plants. It is well organized by groups of plants, ferns, grasses, aquatic plants, bog plants, wildflowers, vines, shrubs, conifers and trees. Each plant is described and it's growing conditions given, and it is given a rating as to it's value in the garden. In the back are lists of plants that would suit particular growing conditions and situations. The book is much larger and heavier than I had expected. It is more of a coffee table book, to be admired and studied, rather than a field guide.

A great, practical guide to native plants for the southeast. It is a "coffee table" sized book, but has very useful information for anyone who wants to grow native plants. Each plant listing has an extensive description with "grading" of 1 - 4 stars, with 4 stars being outstanding plants. Cautions are given for invasive plants. There are notes about propagation, habitat, zone, and other pertinent notes. Very informational! I love it and will use it often.

Excellent book. Well organized, easily accessible information on the Southeast's best native plants for the garden. Full of pictures. It immediately became one of my two favorite garden references (along with Michael Dirr's MANUAL OF WOODY LANDSCAPE PLANTS).

The organization of this book is wonderful. There is a plant rating guide, which is very useful. And the pictures by Will Stuart are exquisite. Dr. Mellichamp teaches a Botany class that is the best class I have ever taken. This is one book I would put in my top five must have books.

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