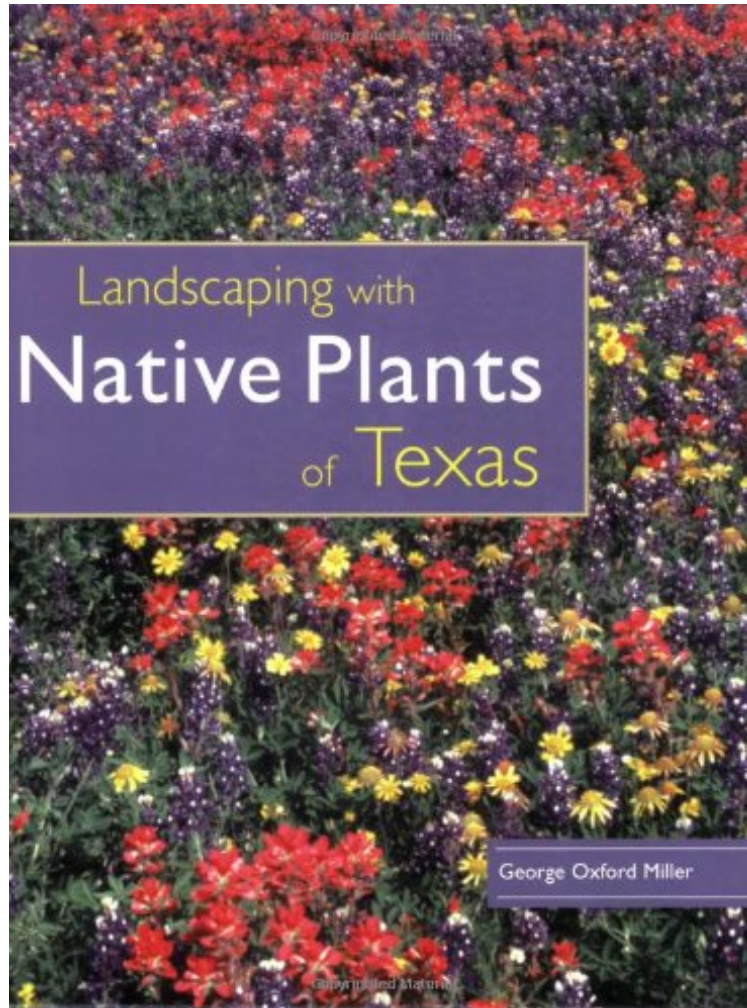


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George Oxford Miller : Landscaping with Native Plants of Texas before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Landscaping with Native Plants of Texas:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. As good as it gets.By TurboThis is the best book I've found on native plant landscape design. Its a a good summary for planning with descriptions of various plants. As with most books its weak on specifics as to plant selection and placement. This could be covered in a Volume 2, 3, etc of this excellent book.12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Native Texas PlantsBy Gardening GrandmaWow! What a fantastic reference book. I keep this book out all through the growing season and frequently check facts when I consider changing a plant out in my garden. The book has a lot of information pertaining to various growing regions of TX and that alone makes it a favorite of mine.Each region has an assigned number and plants listed within the book are categorized as well, whether they are wildflowers, shrubs, groundcovers, trees, and so on. So if you're living in an

area numbered 4 but you're searching for a certain plant with specific characteristics, you'd need to look for that plant and see if it will grow in your area. It's amazingly easy to use as a reference book and the photos are very nicely done too so you'll know what you'll be getting if your plant grows to maturity. Successful gardening in TX is not always easy and if you're one of those who is adapting your landscape to year round water restrictions, this is a book that will help you through those transitions to a beautiful native TX landscape. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. MUST HAVE for TEXAS! Very helpful especially with proper selection of drought tolerate Texas plants By M. Mittman Really well organized book with good illustrations. Selecting the right plants here in North Texas is important because of the dry, widely variant climate. Considering the folks at the local Home Depot and Lowe's really do not have any expertise, in my experience, at properly recommending the right plants for our local conditions, this book is a tremendous asset! We need to plant a tree and this book gets very specific by zone, around Texas. Just the options among various Oak trees is great - some species while tolerant of our North Texas location are fine to plant, they are very susceptible to Oak Wilt disease and/or poor survivability in cold to hot drought conditions unless heavy irrigation is supplemented (no can do under water restrictions). By selecting one of the other recommended species we can avoid problems. The big box stores simply offer what they have in stock.

Have you ever planted a beautiful, and expensive, shrub in your yard and watched it slowly die because it was in the wrong location? Not enough light, too much water, improper soil, or too hot an exposure can turn the nursery-perfect specimen into an eyesore. This all-in-one guide helps you beautify your yard, not with high-maintenance imports, but with native plants adapted to your local growing conditions. Whether as a foundation hedge, mass planting, or accent shrub, native species can provide year-round beauty to your yard. While the interest in native-plant landscaping and xeriscaping (sp?) has mushroomed, the necessary "how-to," "when-to," and "what-to" has been slow in coming. In this comprehensive, richly illustrated guide, George Oxford Miller describes the best of the best. Covering wildflowers, shrubs, trees, vines, cacti, and groundcovers, the book selects the species that combine ornamental qualities, growth habit, adaptability, and year-round beauty for the highest landscape value. Chapters with photos, maps, charts, and design samples provide guidelines for species selection and planting, ongoing maintenance, landscape design, and water and energy conservation. Plant descriptions and photographs provide detailed habitat requirements for each and illustrate how each plant looks and responds to landscape conditions. New and experienced gardeners alike will find the facts and advice needed to choose the plants best adapted for their particular landscape design. The unique botanical heritage of Texas provides a treasure chest of choices for home and commercial landscaping. The ornamental beauty of our native species and the economic advantages of using plants adapted to the local climate have demonstrated that the best for our yards sometimes comes from our own backyards, often literally as urban sprawl creeps across the prairies, hills, and forests of our state. But perhaps most importantly, using native plants encourages the repair and preservation of natural plant communities and the wildlife they shelter.

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center Web site, May 2006 (circ. unavailable) George Miller offers the definitive guide to choosing the best of the best among Texas native plants. Houston Lifestyle Homes, April 2007 Author George Oxford Miller will teach you how to successfully incorporate local plants into your landscape.