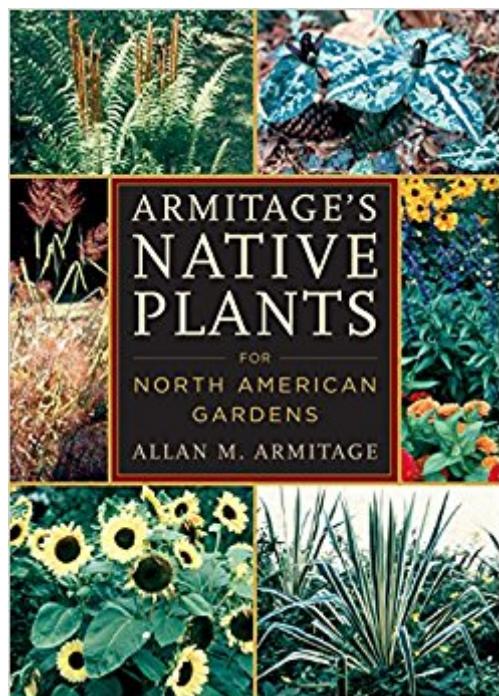


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Armitage's Native Plants For North American Gardens



Synopsis

The popularity of native North American plants has soared in recent years, for many good reasons. Whatever draws you to native plants, you'll find no better or more authoritative guide than Allan Armitage. Widely acknowledged as one of the world's foremost horticulturists, Armitage describes more than 630 species and cultivars of perennials, biennials, and annuals that are native to the United States, bringing to each plant a wealth of practical knowledge and the full weight of his experience and expertise. Each entry includes a general description of the plant plus essential data you need to grow it successfully, including habitat, hardiness, correct garden site, maintenance, and propagation—all in a clear, easy-to-use format. Whether you are a native plant enthusiast or simply wish to use plants that work in the landscape, you'll find everything you are looking for in this readable, information-packed volume.

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Customer Reviews

Horticulturist Armitage provides gardeners with a useful sourcebook listing hundreds of native plants available in the retail marketplace. Armitage acknowledges that he and like-minded avid green thumbs are keen on planting a mix of exotics and natives, not simply one group or the other. To that end, the book's informative plant entries reach beyond comprehensive descriptions of native species to recommended choice cultivars. Armitage's frankly opinionated, consistently lively writing is illuminating, from notes on etymology clarifying botanical and common names to guidance aimed at helping gardeners understand that while black snakeroot needs a colder climate to thrive,

switchgrass and sneezeweed will grow in a wide range of USDA zones. The in-depth listings cover a plant's natural habitat and hardiness, advise on sowing and propagating, and point out required maintenance, while a sources section provides a valuable compilation of nurseries, plant societies, books, and Internet sites. Alice JoyceCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

“In encyclopedic fashion, Armitage critiques each species and its hybrids, embellishing the information with personal accounts of his experiences with these plants. Within the listings of this very complete volume, Armitage offers plant-care practices, flowering characteristics, site selection and preparation, hardiness, ornamental characteristics, regions where plants perform best and much more.” The Washington Post “[This] book is typical Armitage full of chatty, strongly opinionated, and deeply knowledgeable discussions of both straight species and cultivars.” Chicago Tribune “An essential reference book for nursery people and horticulturalists, home gardeners, and all libraries.” Library Journal “If you love the beauty of North American plants, and wish to learn more about how to grow them, this book is sure to please.” American Gardener “Horticulturist Armitage provides gardeners with a useful sourcebook listing hundreds of native plants available in the retail marketplace. . . . the book’s informative plant entries reach beyond comprehensive descriptions of native species to recommended choice cultivars. Armitage’s frankly opinionated, consistently lively writing is illuminating.” Booklist “A beautifully produced book with exquisite photographs which bring out the stunning beauty of a great number of plants native to North America. Mr. Armitage includes a great deal of useful information, starting with lively and, at times, quirkily opinionated descriptions of the straight species of each plant. This is truly an excellent reference book.” Washington Gardener “Allan Armitage has written primarily for gardeners — who would love to try some native plants but don’t know where to start. He should consider that goal reached with flying colors.” Plant Science Bulletin “Consider this book a celebration of native herbaceous plants that may serve to bridge the gap between native plant nerds and the general gardening public.” Native Plants “A reference par excellence.” Christian Science Monitor

Great book as are all of Armitage's. I always enjoy his humor about plants and their behavior in his

garden. The book is not an exhaustive listing of all native plants but covers the most easily accessible natives. He does prefer to include cultivars along with native species rather than all the native species in each genus. It's a good book for beginners interested in adding natives to their gardens. For someone who is further along in knowledge of natives, a state specific resource book would be more informative. For Michiganders I recommend *Landscaping with Native Plants of Michigan* by Lynn M. Steiner. Her book includes color photos, habitat, range, and more species under each plant genus. Good native plant nurseries in outstate MI are Arrowhead Alpines in Fowlerville, Wildtype in Mason and Four Season Nursery in Traverse City.

A very complete, witty , and opinionated guide to native plants. the best I have found.

I like native plants and Armitage's knowledge and humor.

Great book and delivery.

Excellent resource for native plants. Armor age has a wry sense of humor. I love this book. Use it often.

This book is an encyclopedia-like resource about north american native plants. I use it regularly for my questions in my gardening business. It includes wonderful pictures and has very useful info like habitat, hardiness, garden site and maintenance.

Good presentation of native plants, but could have more photos of some of the more obscure species. The book is slanted more toward the southeast and east U.S. Representation of western species is not as strong as it could be, but overall a very interesting book.

I have purchased many plants guide books, and I think the Armitage set is the best

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