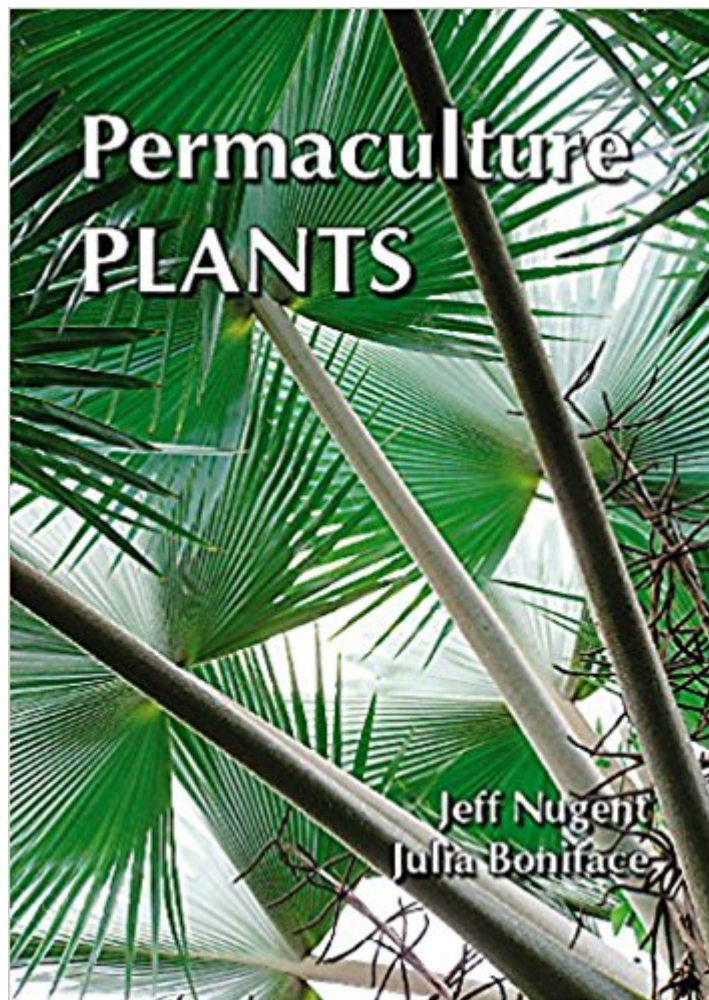


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# Permaculture Plants: A Selection



## Synopsis

This is an easy-to-use guide to selecting hundreds of perennial species. It is indispensable for growers and designers working in subtropical and warm temperate/arid climates, and also includes some cool-climate tolerant species. *Permaculture Plants: A Selection* details hundreds of common and unusual edible, medicinal, and useful plants.

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A decent start off point for searching for plants to work with. It does contain a little that I don't understand yet, but I'm sure I will understand as I progress. There is a great deal of information for many plants, but there is also a lot of plants listed that have no supporting info. If you can get this as a physical book do so because I'm almost sure that it is presented better than the Kindle version which show the pics poorly and you can't use the index because of the way that page information is configured in the Kindle system. Since this is reportedly the only books that lists a number of plants to use in the permaculture system (for North America), I would recommend this book...until I find

something better.

Some very useful information regarding how to plant and what to plant in order to help nature, yourself and animals.

I was very disappointed when I received this book. There are no photos or even paragraphs...Just a directory of summarized botanical information about plants...The plants listed don't even have drawings or anything that would allow you to know what plant is being described (if you aren't already familiar with the plant). Unless you are looking for a boring botanical directory, this is not the book for you. I didn't find the book very helpful at all. Sad.

This is just a printed list (no colour) of plant names. For me it has value but I imagine for the majority of people it's not worth buying. More and more you can find info by Googling. There are no photos or illustrations just names and information.

This book has compiled an impressive list of trees, their many functions, and the conditions in which they can survive. I recently had to create a permaculture design for a property in a mountainous, desert portion of Northern Arizona. I needed very specific plants. They had to be able to grow in poor/clay soil, at high altitude, and to be able to withstand high winds, and extremes of both heat and cold. Thanks to this book, I was able to come up with a list of 30-50 trees - trees from all over the world, many new and many familiar - that were excellent candidates for this environment...In addition to these excellent candidates were trees which I knew were a stretch going in but, knowing these plants' exact parameters for survival, I was able to confidently say which would be able to survive with a little extra TLC and consciousness of microclimates. It also saved me the trouble of attempting to propagate a handful of species that never would have had a chance. Thanks to this book, I was able to find multiple trees to carry out every single function that I wanted a tree to be carrying out. The information is very black-and-white. There are very few diagrams and images. But this book is an invaluable reference in planning food forests in whatever climate you might happen to be working with. It will save you time and money. Additionally (again), the lists of functions of these various plants is very impressive. I learned about new things I could do even with trees that I was already familiar with.

The selection is OK for me. This book reflects practical experience from Australian Permiees, and is

really not so much an academic manual. Of course it needs more depth, but on the other hand, the "multiple functions" of the different species are really quite complete, covering topics that I miss in most other resources (mostly research work from botanists or biologists) - we really need to get more of this generalistic style "Permie information" out...this book is a good start-As a first, introductory plant selection manual for some "quick" design solutions" this book helped me out many times. When you get more "into" project, you deepen your investigation, maybe with works like "Cornucopia" or "Edible food forests" from Jacke/ Toensmeier or "Perennial Vegetables" from Toensmeeier, but the last two have the disadvantage that they are more focused on temperate climates....

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