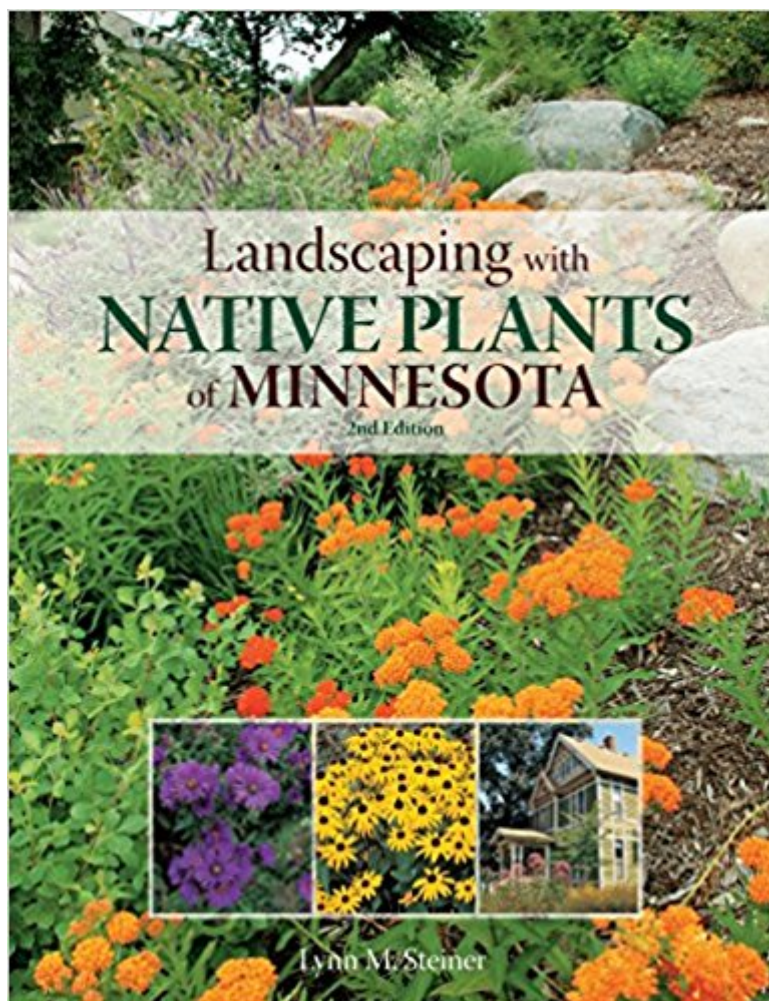


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# Landscaping With Native Plants Of Minnesota - 2nd Edition



## Synopsis

This new and updated edition of *Landscaping with Native Plants of Minnesota* combines the practicality of a field guide with all the basic information homeowners need to create an effective landscape design. The plant profiles section includes comprehensive descriptions of approximately 150 flowers, trees, shrubs, vines, evergreens, grasses, and ferns that grew in Minnesota before European settlement, as well as complete information on planting, maintenance, and landscape uses for each plant. The book also includes complete information on how to garden successfully in Minnesota's harsh climate and how to install and maintain an attractive, low-maintenance home landscape suitable for any lifestyle.

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## Customer Reviews

Lynn M. Steiner is one of the best-known gardening writers in Minnesota. Her enthusiasm for native plants and gardening stems from her childhood curiosity about all things natural as well as 20 years of tending her own extensive home gardens. For 15 years she was the editor of "Northern Gardener" magazine, and under her direction it earned several awards for "Overall Excellence" from the Minnesota Magazine & Publications Association. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Everything you need to know about Minnesota's beautiful native plants and how to include them in your landscapes! Gardeners enjoy Minnesota's native plants for more than their beauty.

They are low maintenance, can survive difficult soil and weather conditions, provide unique landscape options, and celebrate our state's natural heritage. In *Landscaping with Native Plants of Minnesota*, you'll learn how to identify native plants, keep them healthy and thriving, and design and install an attractive home landscape perfect for your lifestyle. Also included in this new edition are comprehensive plant profiles and gardening essentials for more than 600 native flowers, trees, shrubs, vines, evergreens, grasses, and ferns.

I had a large rock ledge facing my back yard that was mostly wild, but I wanted to create the feeling that it was part of the yard and not an overgrown mess. Using this book I was able to plan a nice prairie that bridges the "wild" and the more manicured yard - although I'm leaning towards more of a prairie look for the whole back yard now. The book was very instructional in helping me to determine which "wild" plants were natives and should be kept and which were not native. I eliminated all of the non-native plants and used the encyclopedia part of the book to choose native plants to fill in those areas. For me a "plant book" has to have pictures and this book has great pictures of native plant gardens. This book gave me so many good ideas!

This is about the most user-friendly garden book I've ever owned. In the first third of the book Ms. Steiner teaches the how's and why's of native plants, and how to distinguish them from invasive, weedy introduced plants. She shows how to make your gardens wildlife-friendly, drought and disease resistant, and beautiful, describing planting strategies for all sorts of environments (sunny, dry, marshy, woodland, water gardens, etc.) She covers everything about plant cultivation--from weed control, pruning, staking, dividing plants, pests and much more. She also covers garden design, and the photographs of plant combinations are inspiring. One chapter, entitled "A Gallery of Gardens," has many examples of beautifully designed native plantings. The last two-thirds of the book is an encyclopedia of sorts, divided into Flowers and Groundcovers, Grasses and Sedges, Ferns, Deciduous Trees, Deciduous Shrubs and Small Trees, Conifers, and Vines. She describes in depth many different cultivars of each plant under these headings, how to care for it, what other plants to plant with it, and what its prime landscape use is. This portion of the book is invaluable for planning your gardens, and is great for bringing along on your trips to the nursery. This book is packed with so much information on both the science and the art of gardening with native plants. If you think that gardening with natives results in a dull, rather colorless garden, this book should change your mind and get you excited about working with the plants nature has so abundantly provided us with.

This book was highly recommended by instructors at a wildflower workshop I attended in Northern Minnesota. It's well-written and has many very lovely photos but it hasn't been as helpful as I'd hoped. It gives names of plants to use but generally they aren't cross-referenced so when I've looked for a particular plant, if I don't know it's genus, then I'm finding I have to go to other books and hope I find it in one of them. Also, gives a lot of suggestions for what might compliment a particular plant but doesn't provide a photo of either of them. I'm disappointed that it hasn't been as helpful as I'd thought it would be as I plan my wildflower garden.

Lynn Steiner has done an excellent job escorting us through the selection of native plants. Photographs are visually helpful for I D and she gives insight what natives can be incorporated to one's garden, as well as have gardens that are exclusive. Excellent choice

Great book, only thing that would have made it better would have been to include garden designs/layouts. It provided great descriptions of the plants/grasses/trees. Definitely would recommend this book. It's a great resource and tool.

love the informative layout and photos. i think I just need a book that has "all plants found in minnesota, including non-natives and invasives" but this is a good start. Might just have to add the latter as separate books.

This book is an excellent resource for northern gardeners who want to use native plants in their landscaping. The author has done a remarkable job identifying native plants suitable for our region and different garden locations - sunny, dry, moist, and shady. The plants, shrubs, grasses, and trees listed are natives available for the average gardener to purchase.

This is a classic that every Minnesota gardener interested in native plants shown own. It is well-written and a terrific overview of our native plants.

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