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in the garden *by Stephen and Kristin Pategas*

## The Gardener's Bookshelf - Plants

The Internet has become an incredibly valuable resource for obtaining information on plants. However it is full of conflicting information and misinformation. It's also frustrating to click on numerous links and find the same basic information regurgitated from the same source. After a few minutes of futile searching we turn to our extensive library and very often find the information in print. When selecting books, look for South, Southern or Florida in the title or a strong reference that Florida is covered. Remember, we aren't in Kansas anymore!

Here is a sampling of books we use when we are researching plant information for our landscape designs or just for fun (we are plant geeks). Some may be out of print and we didn't include ISBN numbers and publisher information because all of that information is easily found on the Internet.

### Florida Native Plants

#### Native Florida Plants

- by Robert Haehle and Joan Brookwell
- Florida's Best Native Landscape Plants* by Gil Nelson
- A Gardener's Guide to Florida's Native Plants* by Rufino Osorio
- Common Native Plants of Central Florida* by Tarflower Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society
- Florida Wildflowers in Their Natural Communities* by Walter Kingsley Taylor (UCF professor emeritus)

### Wildlife Gardening

- Native Plant Landscaping for Florida Wildlife* by Craig Huegel
- Florida Butterfly Gardening* by Marc and Maria Minno
- Attracting Birds to Southern Gardens* by Thomas Pope, Neil Odenwald and Charles Fryling, Jr.

- Florida Butterfly Caterpillars and Their Host Plants* by Marc Minno, Jerry Butler and Donald Hall
- Your Florida Guide to Butterfly Gardening* by Jaret Daniels
- Ornamental Grasses** (some include bamboos because...they are grasses)
- The Encyclopedia of Grasses for Livable Landscapes* by Rick Darke
- Timber Press Pocket Guide to Ornamental Grasses* by Rick Darke
- The Color Encyclopedia of Ornamental Grasses* by Rick Darke
- A Guide to Florida Grasses* by Walter Kingsley Taylor (more for the botanist)
- Common Grasses of Florida and the Southeast* by Lewis L. Yarlett

### Herbs

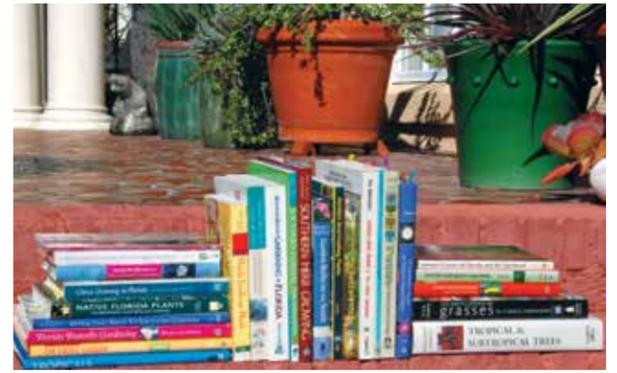
- Southern Herb Growing* by Madalene Hill and Gwen Barclay
- Herbs - The Complete Gardener's Guide* by Patrick Lima
- Herbs In Bloom* by Jo Ann Gardner
- Herb Gardening at its Best* by Sal Gilbertie

### Trees and Shrubs

- Trees for Urban and Suburban Landscapes* by Ed Gilman
- The Trees of Florida* by Gil Nelson
- Your Florida Guide to Shrubs - Selection, Establishment and Maintenance* by Edward Gilman and Robert Black

### Tropicals and Subtropicals

- (remember that we are in subtropical planting Zone 9b)
- Tropical and Subtropical Trees* by Margaret Barwick
- Tropicals* by Gordon Courtright
- The Exotic Garden* by Richard Iversen



### Edibles

- Florida Home Grown 2: The Edible Landscape* by Tom MacCubbin (the Bible, written by our local gardening guru)
- Florida's Best Fruiting Plants* by Charles Boning (incredible book)
- Guide to Florida Fruit and Vegetable Gardening* by Robert Bowden (the director of Leu Gardens)
- Citrus Growing in Florida* by Larry Jackson and Frederick Davies

### More books by topic...

- Bulbs:** *Garden Bulbs for the South* -second edition by Scott Ogden
- Succulents:** *Designing with Succulents* by Debra Lee Baldwin
- General:** *Month By Month Gardening In Florida* by Tom MacCubbin
- General:** *Southern Coastal Home Landscaping* by Stephen and Kristin Pategas (covers the whole state of Florida)
- General:** *Florida Landscape Plants* by Watkins, Sheehan and Black
- General:** IFAS publications are available from the Orange County Extension Office <http://orange.ifas.ufl.edu/> on Conway Road or at <http://solutionsforyourlife.com>.

While some books may be a bit dated, the plants in them haven't changed. However, some may now be known as invasive and not recommended. So do a bit of on-line sleuthing to get updated. Now we can have the best of both worlds with favorite reference books and the up to date web.

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