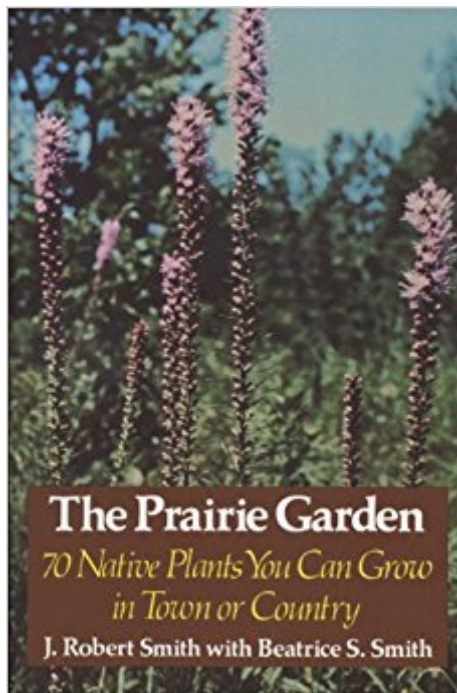




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The Prairie Garden: Seventy Native Plants You Can Grow In Town Or Country



Synopsis

Prairie plants are among the toughest of all ornamentals. While they fascinate gardeners with their beauty and versatility, they require little maintenance. They are highly resistant to insect and disease damage, and they need not be replanted every year. In recent years, the idea of growing prairie plants has gained increasing appeal among gardeners. Bob and Beatrice Smith have prepared this practical growing guide—based on their more than fourteen years of experience and experimentation—for all people who wish to grow prairie plants. The Smiths, who have grown all the plants they discuss here, share their wealth of experience with the reader. They recommend the best sites, tell how to plan and prepare the site and how to treat and plant seeds, and share important tips on propagation, transplanting, and managing the prairie garden or landscape. To aid in both planning and identification, the book includes full-color illustrations of all seventy plants.

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Customer Reviews

"If you are interested in establishing a meadow or prairie garden, this book is an excellent place to begin your research."—American Horticulturist

J. Robert Smith, long an enthusiastic gardener, has been associated with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for more than thirty years. He retired from his position as Administrator of Wildlife, Forestry, and Recreation in 1974. He and Beatrice have been operating

Prairie Nursery for nine years, producing prairie seeds and plants commercially and conducting experimental research in this area.Ã Â

While this book is a little older (1980) the information is still good, valid, and hard to come by in many other sources. The Smith's are Department of Natural Resource employees who have developed a prairie garden on their own. This is the culmination of that experience. They treat of 75 different prairie plants, all well diagrammed, well described, seed collecting tricks, soil and companion plant preferences. There is a discussion of some of the deeper root systems. There are charts as to color and flowering time, sources for commercial buying (outdated by the years), suggestions on seed harvesting and handling. There is a chart on habitats of choice. There are color photographs of many of the plants. The book is divided into "forbs and shrubs, grasses, and one or tow sedges. This is an excellent book for anyone wanting to grow native prairie plants in their own garden. I highly recommend it for anyone wanting a prairie garden. The practical hints and beyond pricing in their value.

My wife loved this book and can't wait to get started with what she has learned.

Great book. Very helpful on how to grow 70 specific native plants and what to expect in all seasons. The book is a bit older. It is reflected in the quality of the color prints. However, the book is well worth the money.

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