

## Gardening Books for Libraries

From time to time we receive requests to recommend books on various aspects of gardening and horticulture. As a result of these inquiries various lists of titles have been compiled. One, a list of reference books of wide usefulness, has already been published.\* The present collection is a list of titles suitable for the collection of a public library.

As with any list of titles, the selection is somewhat arbitrary upon the discrimination of the compiler(s). The present selection is based upon an unpublished list compiled by Dr. Donald Wyman some years ago, which has been used as a source of information at the Arboretum. This list has been extensively revised with new titles and categories added.

All that can be said for the present selection is that it is the compilers' belief that the titles are adequate for use by the layman. That is, they survey the particular field and they are reasonably accurate. There may well be titles not listed that are better — it is certain that there are titles in most categories which are totally unacceptable for library use.

There are somewhere in the neighborhood of 200 books published each year in the field of horticulture, broadly construed. A very few of these titles may have unique or lasting value, or may replace older standard works or may be acceptable rehashes of material previously presented or available elsewhere. Many of the volumes, however, are superfluous, trash, or both.

Attention should also be called to several other lists which have been published, which are of importance to librarians and gardeners:

Bowles, E. A. — *Books for a Gardener's Library*. Journal of the Royal Horticultural Society 63(2): 68-73: 1938.

Lawrence, G. H. M. — *An Annotated Guide to Reference Works for Advanced Plantsmen*. Pittsburgh: Hunt Botanical Library: 1966, 19 pages mimeographed.

Morton, Earl of — *Books for a Gardener's Library*. Journal of the Royal Horticultural Society 96(3): 139-143: 1971.

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- Powell, T. & B. — *Books for Avant Gardeners*. The Avant Gardener 4(1): 1-8: 1971.
- Stearn, W. T. — *Some Lesser Known Monographs on Hardy Herbaceous Perennials*. Journal of the Royal Horticultural Society 67(9): 296-303: 1942.

**Books by Subject**

*Annuals:*

- Jenkins, D. H. — *Annuals for Every Garden*. New York: M. Barrows: 1953.

*Bible Plants:*

- Moldenke, N. — *Plants of the Bible*. Waltham, Mass.: *Chronica Botanica*: 1952.

*Bulbs:*

- Oliver, R. W. (ed.) — *Handbook on Bulbs*. Plants and Gardens 15(3): 1959.
- Synge, P. M. — *The Complete Guide to Bulbs*. New York: E. P. Dutton: 1962.

*Children:*

- Baker, S. S. — *The Indoor and Outdoor Grow-it Book*. New York: Random House: 1965.
- Carleton, R. M. — *Indoor Gardening Fun*. Chicago: Reilly and Lee: 1970.
- Dempsey, M. W., and Sheehan, A. (Eds.) — *How Flowers Live*. Cleveland: World: 1970.

*Edible Plants:*

- Fernald, M. L. and Kinsey, H. C. (Rev. by R. C. Rollins) — *Edible Wild Plants of Eastern North America*. New York: Harper: 1958.

*Encyclopedias:*

- Bailey, L. H. — *Standard Cyclopedia of Horticulture*, (ed. 2). New York: Macmillan: 1922.
- Bailey, L. H. & E. Z. — *Hortus Second*. New York: Macmillan: 1941.
- Chittenden, F. J. & Synge, P. M. — *Royal Horticultural Society Dictionary of Gardening*, (ed. 2), 4 vols. — 2 suppl. Oxford: Clarendon Press: 1956.
- Seymour, E. L. D. (Ed.) — *The New Garden Encyclopedia*. New York: Wm. H. Wise: 1936. Various editions.
- Taylor, N. (Ed.) — *Taylor's Encyclopedia of Gardening, Horticulture, and Landscape Design*. Boston: Houghton-Mifflin: 1961.
- Wyman, D. — *Wyman's Encyclopedia of Gardening*. New York: Macmillan: 1971.

*Florists Crops:*

- Laurie, A., Kiplinger, D. C. and Nelson, K. E. — *Commercial Flower Forcing*, (ed. 6). New York: McGraw-Hill: 1958.

*History:*

- Hedrick, U. P. — *A History of Horticulture in America*. New York: Oxford Univ. Press: 1950.  
 Cox, E. H. M. — *Plant-hunting in China*. London: Collins: 1945.

*House Plants:*

- Free, Montague — *All About House Plants*. New York: Doubleday: 1950.  
 Perkins, H. O. (Ed.) — *Handbook on House Plants*. *Plants and Gardens* 18(3): 1962.

*Identification:*

- Abrams — *Illustrated Flora of the Pacific States*, vols. 1-4. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford Univ. Press: 1923-1960.  
 Bailey, L. H. — *Manual of Cultivated Plants*, (ed. 2). New York: Macmillan: 1949.  
 Blake, S. F. — *Guide to Popular Floras of the United States and Alaska*. U.S.D.A. Bibliographical Bull. 23, Washington, D.C.: Superintendent of Documents: 1954.  
 Gerth, van Wyk, H. L. (Compiler) — *A Dictionary of Plant-names*, 2 vols. Den Hague: M. Nijhoff: 1909-16.  
 Gleason, H. A. — *The New Britton and Brown Illustrated Flora of the Northeastern United States and Adjacent Canada*. New York: Hafner: 1963.  
 Hitchcock, C. L., Cronquist, A., Ownby, M., and Thompson, J. W. — *Vascular Plants of the Pacific Northwest*, vols. 1-5. Seattle, Wash.: Univ. Wash. Press: 1955.  
 Graf, A. B. — *Exotica* 3. Rutherford, N.J.: Roehrs Co.: 1963.  
 Hay, R. & Syngé, P. M. — *The Dictionary of Garden Plants in Colour . . .*: New York: Crown: 1969.  
 Muenscher, W. C. — *Aquatic Plants of the United States*. Ithaca, N.Y.: Comstock: 1944.  
 Porter, C. L. — *Taxonomy of Flowering Plants*, (ed. 2). San Francisco: W. H. Freeman: 1967.  
 Rehder, A. — *Manual of the Cultivated Trees and Shrubs Hardy in North America*. New York: Macmillan: 1940.  
 Rickett, H. W. — *Wild Flowers of the United States*. vols. 1-4. New York: McGraw-Hill: 1966.  
 Sargent, C. S. — *Manual of the Trees of North America*, (ed. 3). Boston, Mass.: Houghton Mifflin: 1922 (Repr. New York: Dover: 1961).  
 Symonds, G. W. D. — *The Shrub Identification Book*. New York: M. Barrows & Co.: 1963.  
 Symonds, G. W. D. — *The Tree Identification Book*. New York: M. Barrows & Co.: 1958.  
 Wyman, D. — *Shrubs and Vines for American Gardens*. (rev. ed.). New York: Macmillan: 1969.  
 Wyman, D. — *Trees for American Gardens*, (rev. ed.). New York: Macmillan: 1965.

*Insect & Disease:*

- Pirone, P. P., Dodge, B. O., and Rickett, H. W. — *Diseases of Ornamental Plants* (ed. 3). New York: Ronald Press: 1960.  
 Westcott, C. and Walker, J. T. (Eds.) — *Handbook on Garden Pests*. *Plants and Gardens* 22(1): 1966.

*Landscape Design:*

- Cantley, M. S. — *Garden Design*. New York: Dodd-Mead: 1935.  
 Clifford, D. — *A History of Garden Design*. London: Faber & Faber: 1966.  
 Hubbard, T. and Kimball, H. — *An Introduction to the Study of Landscape Design*. (ed. 2). New York: Macmillan: 1929.  
 Snow, W. B. (Ed.) — *The Highway and the Landscape*. New Brunswick: Rutgers Univ. Press: 1959.  
 Whyte, W. H. — *The Last Landscape*. New York: Doubleday: 1968.  
 Wilder, L. B. — *Color in My Garden*. New York: Doubleday: 1935.

*Lights:*

- Carleton, R. M. (Ed.) — *Gardening under Artificial Light*. Plants and Gardens 26(1): 1970.

*Miscellaneous:*

- Bailey, L. H. — *How Plants Get Their Names*. New York: Macmillan: 1933, (Repr. New York: Dover: 1963).  
 Carleton, R. Milton — *The Small Garden Book*. New York: Macmillan: 1971.  
 Jackson, B. D. — *A Glossary of Botanic Terms*, (ed. 4). London: Duckworth & Co.: 1928.  
 Manks, D. S. — *Dictionary Catalog of the Library of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society*. Boston: G. K. Hall & Co. 1962.  
 Royal Horticultural Society — *Colour Chart*. London: Royal Horticultural Society: 1966.  
 Stearn, W. T. — *Botanical Latin*. London: Thomas Nelson & Sons: 1966.  
 Willis, J. C. S. — *A Dictionary of Flowering Plants and Ferns*, (ed. 6). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press: 1931.

*Nuts:*

- Jaynes, R. (Ed.) — *Handbook of North American Nut Trees*. Knoxville, Tenn.: Northern Nut Grower Assoc. 1969.

*Orchards:*

- Chandler, W. H. — *Deciduous Orchards*, (ed. 2). Philadelphia: Lea & Febiger: 1951.  
 Chandler, W. H. — *Evergreen Orchards*. Philadelphia: Lea & Febiger: 1950.  
 Slate, G. (Ed.) — *Handbook on Fruits in the Home Garden*. Plants and Gardens 17(1): 1961.  
 Tukey, H. B. — *Dwarfed Fruit Trees*. New York: Macmillan: 1964.

*Perennials:*

- Wilson, H. van P. — *Perennials for Every Garden*. New York: M. Barrows: 1953.

*Periodicals:*

- The American Horticultural Magazine*. 901 North Washington Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

- The Avant Gardener*. Horticultural Data Processors, Box 489, New York, N.Y. 10028.
- Gardener's Abstracts*. Leisure Abstracts, 5852 Stow Canyon Road, Goleta, California 93017.
- Home Garden and Flower Grower*. Universal Publishing and Distributing Corp., 235 E. 45th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.
- Journal of the Royal Horticultural Society*. Vincent Square, London SW1P, England.
- Plants and Gardens*. Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11225.

**Poisonous Plants:**

- Kingsbury, J. M. — *Poisonous Plants of the United States*. Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice Hall: 1964.

**Propagation:**

- Hartmann, H. T. and Kester, D. E. — *Plant Propagation*, (ed. 2). Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice Hall: 1968.
- Van Dersal — *Woody Plant Seed Manual*. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office: 1948. USDA Forest Service, Misc. Publ. 654.

**Pruning:**

- Harris, R. W. et al. — *Pruning Landscape Trees*. Berkeley: Univ. of California, Agricultural Extension Service: 1969.

**Rock Gardens:**

- Foster, H. L. — *Rock Gardening*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin: 1968.
- Farrer, R. — *The English Rock-Garden*. London: T. C. & E. C. Jack: 1919.
- Clay, S. — *Present Day Rock Garden*. London: T. C. & E. C. Jack: 1937.

**Shade Plants:**

- Epstein, H. (Ed.) — *Gardening in the Shade*. *Plants and Gardens* 25(3): 1969.
- Morse, H. K. — *Gardening in the Shade*, (rev. ed.). New York: Scribner: 1962.

**Soil:**

- Carleton, R. M. — *Your Garden Soil*. Princeton, N.J.: Van Nostrand: 1961.

**Sub-tropical & Tropical:**

- Mason, H. — *Your Garden in the South*. Princeton, N.J.: D. Van Nostrand: 1961.
- Neal, M. C. — *In Gardens of Hawaii*. Honolulu. Bernice P. Bishop Museum: 1948.
- Sunset Western Garden Book* (new ed.). Menlo Park, Calif.: Lane Magazine & Book Co.: 1967.
- Watkins, J. V. — *Your Guide to Florida Landscape Plants*, I and II. Gainesville: University of Florida: 1961 and 1963.
- Watkins, J. V. and Wolfe, H. S. — *Your Florida Garden*. Gainesville: University of Florida: 1954.

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- Jacobsen, H. (Trans. H. Raabe) — *Handbook of Succulent Plants (other than cacti)* 3 vols. London: Blandford Press: 1960.  
 Teuscher, H. (Ed.) — *Handbook on Succulent Plants. Plants and Gardens* 19(3): 1963.

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- Burrage, A. C. — *Burrage on Vegetables*. New York: D. Van Nostrand: 1954.

**Weeds:**

- Emerson, B. H. (Ed.) — *Handbook on Weed Control*. *Plants and Gardens* 22(3): 1966.  
 Muenscher, W. C. — *Weeds*, (ed. 2). New York: Macmillan: 1955.  
 Fogg, J. M. Jr. — *Weeds of Lawn and Garden*. Philadelphia: Univ. Penn.: 1945.  
 Montgomery, F. H. — *Weeds of the Northern United States and Canada*. New York: Frederick Warne & Co.: 1964.

**Horticultural Monographs**

**Aceraceae:**

- Mulligan, B. — *Maples Cultivated in the United States and Canada*. American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta: 1958.

**Aizoaceae:**

- Schwantes, G. (Trans. V. Higgins) — *Flowering Stones and Mid-day Flowers*. London: Ernest Benn: 1957.

**Amaryllidaceae:**

- Bowles, E. H. — *A Handbook of Narcissus*. London: Hopkinson: 1934.  
 Jefferson-Brown, M. J. — *Daffodils and Narcissi*. London: Faber: 1969.  
 Lee, G. S. (Ed.) — *Daffodil Handbook*. American Horticultural Magazine, Special Issue. 1966.  
 Schulz, P. — *Amaryllis — and How to Grow Them*. New York: M. Barrows: 1954.  
 Stern, F. C. — *Snowdrops and Snowflakes*. London: Royal Horticultural Society: 1956.  
 Traub, H. P. — *The Amaryllis Manual*. New York: Macmillan: 1958.

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- Padilla, V. (Ed.) — *Bromeliads in Colour and their Culture*. American Bromeliad Society: 1966.

**Aquifoliaceae:**

- Hansell, D., et al. (Eds.) — *Handbook of Hollies*. American Horticultural Magazine, Special Issue 49(4): 145-334: 1970.

**Begoniaceae:**

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Langdon, B. — *The Tuberous Begonia*. London: Carsell: 1969.

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Britton, N. L. and Rose, J. N. — *The Cactaceae*. Washington, D.C.: Carnegie Inst.: 1919–1923. (Repr. New York: Dover: 1964).

Marshall, W. T. and Bock, T. M. — *Cactaceae*. Pasadena, Calif.: Abbey Garden Press: 1941.

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Bailey, L. H. — *The Garden of Bellflowers*. New York: Macmillan: 1953.

Crook, H. C. — *Campanulas, Their Cultivation and Classification*. London: Country Life: 1951.

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Allwood, M. C. — *Carnations and All Dianthus*. Heywards Heath, Sussex: Allwood Bros.: 1947.

Bailey, L. H. — *The Garden of Pinks*. New York: Macmillan: 1938.

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Walker, M. C. — *Dahlias For Every Garden*. New York: M. Barrows: 1954.

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*Coniferae*:

Dallimore, W. and Jackson, A. B. (S. C. Harrison Ed.) — *Handbook of Coniferae and Ginkgoaceae*. New York: St. Martin's Press: 1967.

Ouden, P. den and Boom, B. K. — *Manual of Cultivated Conifers*. Den Hague: Martinus Nijhoff: 1965.

*Crassulaceae*:

Higgins, V. — *Crassulas in Cultivation*. London: Blandford Press: 1964.

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Bailey, L. H. — *The Garden of Gourds*. New York: Macmillan: 1937.

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Whitaker, T. W. and Davis, G. N. — *Cucurbits*. London: Leonard Hill: 1962.

*Ericaceae*:

Bowers, C. G. — *Rhododendrons and Azaleas*, (ed. 2). New York: Macmillan: 1960.

Chapple, F. J. — *The Heather Garden*. London: Collingridge: 1952.

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McClure, R. A. — *Bamboos of the Genus Phyllostachys . . .* Washington, D.C.: U.S.D.A. Agriculture Handbook No. 114.

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Bowles, E. A. — *A Handbook of Crocus and Colchicum* (rev. ed.) London. John Lane, Bodley Head Press: 1952.

Randolph, L. F. (Ed.) — *Garden Irises*, St. Louis, Mo.: American Iris Society: 1959.

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Darrow, G. M. and Meyer, F. G. (Eds.) — *Daylily Handbook*. American Horticultural Magazine, Special Issue. 1968.

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Conard, H. S. — *The Waterlilies*. Washington, D.C.: Carnegie Inst.: 1905.



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Lilac Survey Committee Report, 1953 — *Lilacs for America*. Swarthmore, Penn.: Arthur Hoyt Scott Horticultural Foundation: 1953.

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Wherry, E. T. — *The Genus Phlox*. Philadelphia: Morris Arboretum: 1955.

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Lyall, H. G. — *Hardy Primula*. London: Collingridge: 1959.

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Webber, A. J. and Batchelor, L. D. — *The Citrus Industry*, 2 vols. Berkeley: University of California Press: 1943, 1948.

Right: A visitor enjoying the Lilac Collection.

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