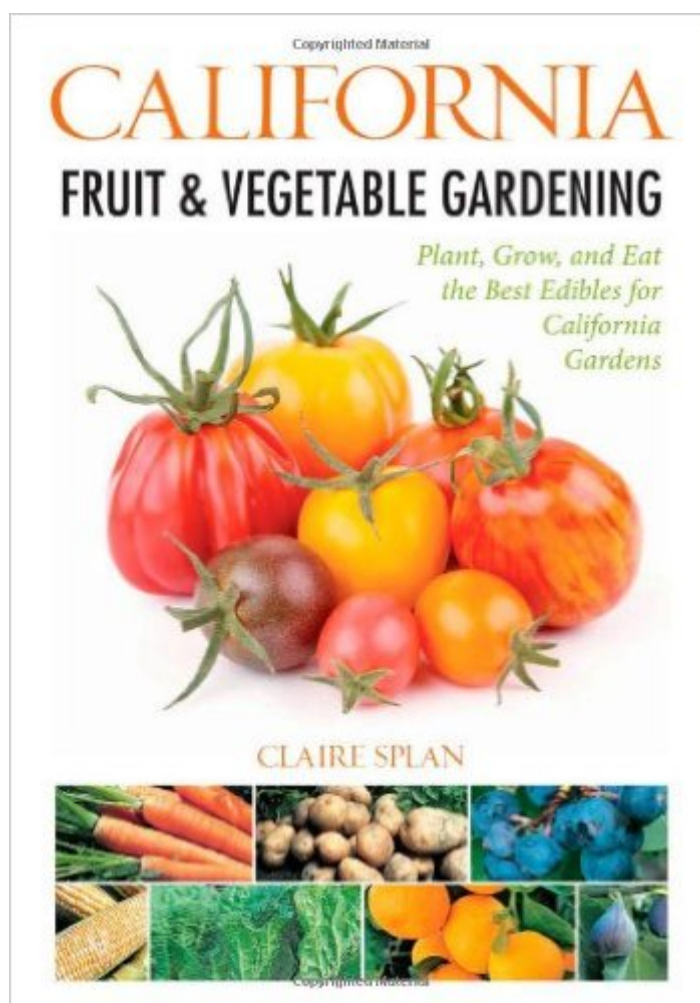


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# California Fruit & Vegetable Gardening: Plant, Grow, And Eat The Best Edibles For California Gardens (Fruit & Vegetable Gardening Guides)



## Synopsis

California abounds with edible selections to grow in the diverse conditions of the state. California Fruit & Vegetable Gardening addresses the critical elements of climate, soil, sun, and water that affects growing success. More than sixty fruits, vegetables, herbs, and edible flowers are highlighted, and helpful charts and graphs for planning and planting the garden are included.

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## Customer Reviews

I came across this volume on a friend's shelf, browsed through the sections on soil and pests, and was impressed enough to find a copy for myself. I've been an on-again, off-again gardener for some seasons now, and this is the most down-to-earth California guide I've seen. The author brings a knowing clarity to the basics, and provides plenty of tips for an inspiring variety of specific crops, always with an eye to practical and economical solutions. (A word of warning: if you've already made a few trips to the garden store, you'll likely discover a half-dozen or so cheaper alternatives here for those "must haves" now gathering dust in the back of your shed.) I can't think of a better resource for the beginning California gardener--or for gardeners like me, who keep beginning over and over again.

California gardening books fall into two distinct groups, plant-by-plant like this book and the sunset variety and month-by-month regional guides like those from authors like Smaus for LA, Peirce for

SF and Welsh for SD. This book is about the same size and emphasis as the one by Beaver but a little less expensive. The look inside feature gives a very good sense of the coverage and arrangement but no sense of a sample entry for a given plant. Each entry has a nice color picture with introductory information as part of a two page spread with consistent subheads like When to Plant, Where to Plant, How to Plant, Care and Maintenance, Harvesting, and Additional Information. It is a nicely illustrated and written guide available for inspection at many California libraries. Index, glossary and short annotated bibliography. Recommended.

This book provides a lot of great information, and is well organized. The first section addresses getting started, soil, pests and diseases. In this section, there are very useful tables of pests and diseases organized by plant, along with the suggested approach to controlling them (I never knew that cats were attracted to Kiwi). The next section is organized by plant, and for each one, addresses when/where/how to plant them, care and maintenance, harvesting, and other tidbits, including varieties particularly suited to California climates. This is one book that appreciates the diversity of climate in this state, and breaks down our 14 climate zones and their chill dates/times. The final section in the book is an adequate glossary, and nice list of other resources (seed and plant sources, etc.).

Two years ago, I couldn't even spell "garden", now I am one! My wife tricked me into buying a house with twelve fruit trees, and I didn't have a clue. But that was before I bought this book!

I just finished Claire Splan's very readable gardening book. Her book immediately digs into some of the real gardening basics--growing zones and tools. She speaks to garden pests, and the impact of controlling them; addresses how to build up the soil, and how to test it with expert analyses; and explains how to best plant seeds for a nice variety of vegetables, herbs, and trees. I highly recommend this clearly written and nicely illustrated book. It is a friendly introduction to whatever level of organic gardening the reader decides to jump in at.

this book is a great reference for new gardeners and gives the down and dirty information for growing common veggies in California. it doesn't have tons of different veggies and isn't exactly comprehensive, but the author does try to describe things that the reader may have trouble with.

It starts with chapters on the basics of veggie gardening, then has 2 pages of text and color photos

for each common species that can grow in California. Very helpful hints on every page. The climate reference map for California is also super helpful.

I have 30 or more garden books...I find this one easy to read for beginner gardener. Covers more veggies, nuts, fruit than eastern written books.

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