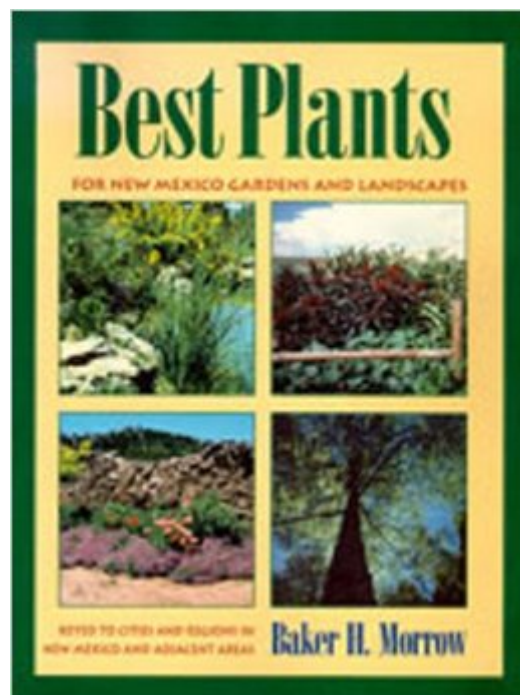


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# Best Plants For New Mexico Gardens And Landscapes: Keyed To Cities And Regions In New Mexico And Adjacent Areas



## Synopsis

New Mexico gardeners have long needed this book--a careful guide to the trees, shrubs, ground covers, and smaller plants that thrive in the state's many life zones and climates. In a state where the altitude varies from 3,000 feet above sea level at Carlsbad, to 13,000 feet at Mount Wheeler near Taos, where the annual rainfall is anywhere from 7 inches at White Sands to 30 inches in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, where the soil is loose and gravelly, or thick and hard, or dark and rich, this guide, organized by regions and specific cities, will be especially useful. It also includes information on adjacent areas in Colorado and Arizona and in El Paso. In addition to the top hundred-plus species for each location, the author provides suggestions for more adventurous gardeners and information on historic landscapes around the state. He also points out a favorite well-planned and well-maintained garden or landscape that is open to the public in each community. A landscape architect in Albuquerque for twenty-five years, Baker Morrow is intimately acquainted with how things grow in New Mexico. He is also generous in sharing his personal preferences. He mentions the species he likes "for their toughness, adaptability, and sturdy beauty in a difficult climate," and also the ones he admires for "their cheerfulness and their ability to grace our lives with shade, with helpful protection from the wind, and an endless series of wonderful colors." With many hundreds of native and exotic species readily available, no New Mexico gardener can afford to be without this book.

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Keeping plants alive in New Mexico is very difficult. If you're thinking of buying this book you already know this. If you do buy it you'll find out how to solve all of your yard and garden problems. This book tells you everything you need to know to successfully surround your home with attractive plants instead of the tiresome and difficult to maintain bluegrass lawn or gravel pit one sees so often in New Mexico. Most importantly, the book lists plants suitable for every inhabited part of New Mexico. If you've learned to garden in Gallup but want to know what to plant in Deming or Santa Fe, this book is for you. The plant lists and photographs make this book an essential money and water saving gardening tool for the New Mexico gardener. Buy it for yourself and give a copy to your new neighbors!

Xeriscape doesn't mean ugly. This book will help you find plants that are pretty and that won't take up a lot of water. It's a great book. This is our reference book for when we are adding something to our yard. We have a full acre that we are working on (slowly!) and this book has helped us every step of the way. The color pictures make it easy to see exactly what a plant looks like. The color pictures also help when you are trying to find the name of the tree in some yard that you thought was pretty. The information it has on each plant is very useful- it gives you the area it will grow best in (example: Albuquerque or statewide in the shade or statewide up to 800 feet elevation). The other thing that makes this book a good buy is the plant list for different areas. For example, there is a plant list for Gallup/Grants area. These lists give you trees, grasses, shrubs, flowers and more that will grow well in your area. This is the best resource out there if you live in New Mexico and want to have a lovely landscaped area.

This is by far the most thoroughly researched and thought out book on landscaping and gardens/plants of any book for any region I have found. What is great is that it is for us and not for Texas or Arizona or Colorado. These states have plenty of mention in other publications...The author even took the time to research what grows in each town first hand, not by just looking at a USGA map for plant hardiness. I have recommended this book to many people interested in landscaping here in New Mexico and I guard mine like it was gold. Don't lend it out, you may not get it back.

I bought this book primarily for the plant listing, and am disappointed. After looking through it, I reviewed the title of the book and realized that it is not actually billed as a xeriscaping guide. There are some xeric selections, but a lot of these plants grow great in New Mexico only if you water them

like crazy. Some of them shouldn't be planted here at all, such as silver maple (browning at the edges of the leaves by the end of July, not just in my yard, but elsewhere in my neighborhood too), and salt cedar (a significant environmental hazard even within the Albuquerque metro area). I liked the first part of this book the best - the general overview of gardening in New Mexico is informative and easy to read. The final section of the book, city-by-city plant guides, is just not very useful to me since I only garden in Albuquerque.

I received the Used book quickly and in very good condition, exactly as advertised. The book contains detailed information relating to which plants work best in the widely varied micro-climates of New Mexico. The information concerning planting, use, planning and care of all types of plants is extremely helpful and inspiring. Common names of plants are used throughout the book making it very easy to shop.

This is a wonderful book, keyed to all of the many 'zones' for gardening in the great state of New Mexico. The writing is succinct, the illustrations excellent, and the 'do plant' and 'do not plant' is broken down by cities. Not only does Baker H. Morrow tell you what to plant, but how to prepare beds and fertilize, and explain why something you want won't thrive in your location. Don't know how I managed without it.

Just moved to New Mexico from California. Had no idea what the native plants were. This book was very helpful and easy to use.

This book has been an incredible reference for selecting plants and trees for my yard. Everything is thriving well with the water requirements as stated in the book. Thank you Baker!

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