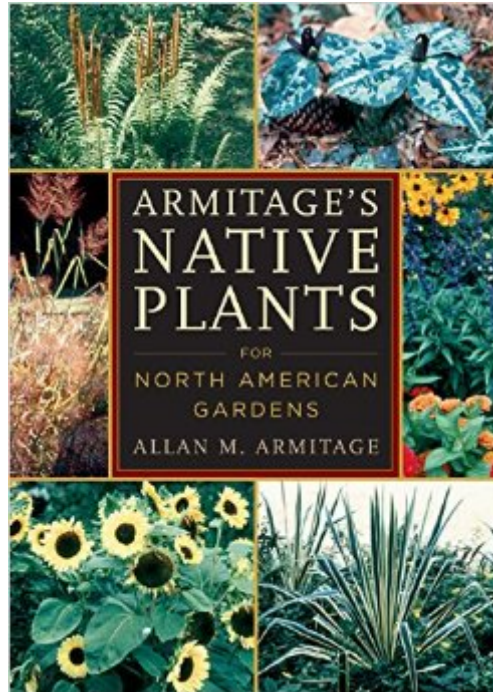


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# Armitage's Native Plants For North American Gardens



## Synopsis

The popularity of native North American plants has soared in recent years, for many good reasons. Whatever draws you to native plants, you'll find no better or more authoritative guide than Allan Armitage. Widely acknowledged as one of the world's foremost horticulturists, Armitage describes more than 630 species and cultivars of perennials, biennials, and annuals that are native to the United States, bringing to each plant a wealth of practical knowledge and the full weight of his experience and expertise. Each entry includes a general description of the plant plus essential data you need to grow it successfully, including habitat, hardiness, correct garden site, maintenance, and propagation—all in a clear, easy-to-use format. Whether you are a native plant enthusiast or simply wish to use plants that work in the landscape, you'll find everything you are looking for in this readable, information-packed volume.

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This A-Z encyclopedia features over 600 species of native plants for the American gardener. All of the plants included here are perennials which are available to purchase in nurseries and mail-order catalogs. This was the author's major criteria for inclusion and some popular plants were omitted because they are not easily obtainable in the trade. Plants are arranged by their botanical names (beginning with "aconitum" - monkshood and ending with "zizia aurea" - golden alexanders). Each plant profile includes a general description covering several paragraphs followed by comments on habitat, hardiness, garden site, garden maintenance, popular species for the garden,

recommendations for propagation and etymology. Most, but not all, are accompanied by excellent color photographs. The author's conversational, laid-back tone and occasional humor make this book a pleasure to read and includes more than enough information for the reader to determine whether or not the plant would perform well in their own garden. An extensive "Sources" directory includes the addresses, phone number and websites of 87 nurseries throughout the U.S. Separate listings for plant societies and internet sites are also provided. A "Useful List" directory lists plants in categories such as "drought tolerant," "rabbit resistant," "plants that attract butterflies," etc. Printed on heavy, glossy paper, the weight of the book is surprising and should hold up to frequent use. This is a useful reference for home gardeners interested in learning more about native plants.

Good presentation of native plants, but could have more photos of some of the more obscure species. The book is slanted more toward the southeast and east U.S. Representation of western species is not as strong as it could be, but overall a very interesting book.

Very enjoyable and informative book. The enjoyment comes from the author's inclusion of personal perspectives of the native plants and the informative comes from the basic and beyond scientific information. Included is identification of the plant, habitat and propagation. Also mentioned are the cultivars of various plants. Good information for the beginning native plant gardener.

This is a good book for the gardener who wants to "go native" with attractive flowering plants. When I purchased this book on line, I was looking more towards the "native" side of prairie use and not ornamental horticulture use per se. I think the mistake is mine; Armitage does a wonderful job of discussing and displaying attractive native flowering plants for the garden area. If you like this book and want more detail. look into his defining book on perennials: *Herbaceous Perennial Plants, A Treatise on their Identification, Culture, and Garden Attributes*. I believe it is without equal.

This book is an encyclopedia-like resource about north american native plants. I use it regularly for my questions in my gardening business. It includes wonderful pictures and has very useful info like habitat, hardiness, garden site and maintenance.

I saw this book at the library and loved it. I live in the country in the Midwest and one of the things it covers is how to transfer or prepare the seeds of native plants so that you can have them in your garden. It also gives the Latin names of plants and the name's origins. Knowing the origin of the

name is like hearing a story associated with the plant and helps me remember the Latin names so that I don't buy the wrong plant. Thanks Mr. Armitage for doing such a thorough job!

I gave this book as a gift and have heard wonderful things about it. This book is very useful for help planning for choosing native plants and for figuring out where to plant natives in a garden.

I received this book very quickly and in excellent condition, exactly as described. I find Armitage's books (this is my third) to be informative, beautifully illustrated, and entertaining to read. The author is witty and opinionated, besides being very well informed. I look forward to ordering more of his publications, especially if makes them available!

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