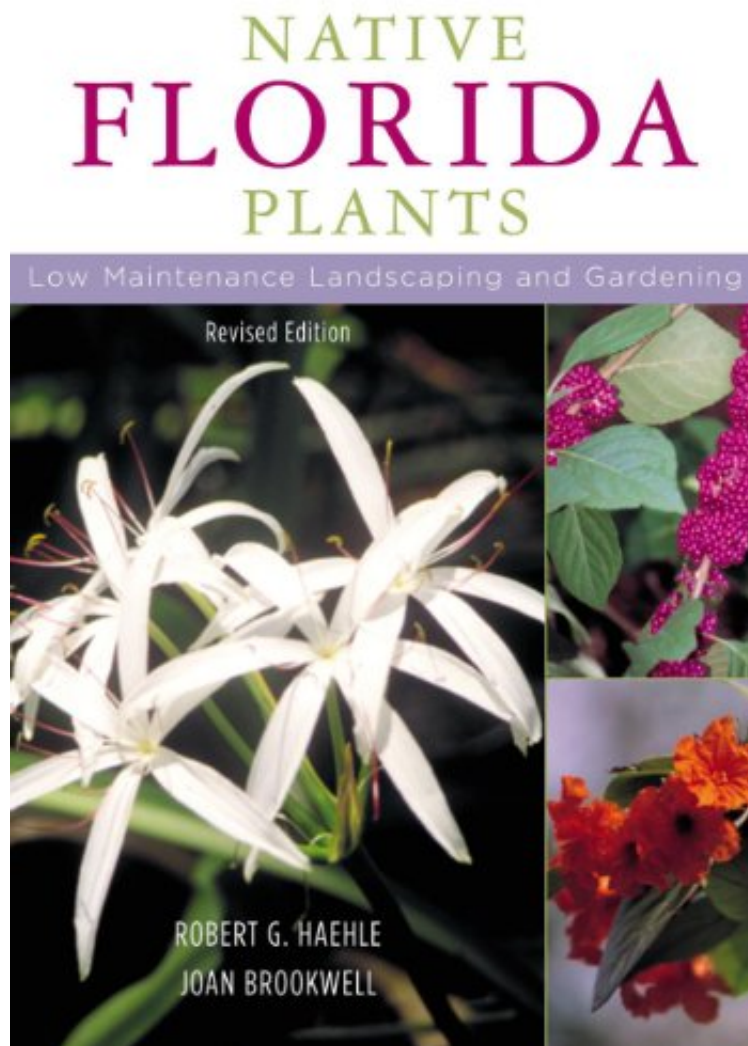


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32 of 33 people found the following review helpful. Sometimes less is not more By New York Bookie This book provides a good overview on the benefits of using native plants. When it comes to the plants included, however, the authors have an acknowledged bias toward South Florida, so it may not be the best choice if you are not in that part of the state. A more serious drawback is the photography. There are no photographs of residential landscapes using

native plants, from which one might draw inspiration, and most of the plant profiles contain only one photo, generally a close-up, so one has no idea of the plant's shape or growth habit. A number of additional plants have been included in this updated edition, but rather than placing them under the appropriate category, they are appended at the end.

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. No one book as everything. By Peter A. Canavan While no one book is perfect, this revised edition has a lot going for it. It has interesting chapters on Florida's climate and different plant communities, e.g. seaside, interior sections, etc. Then it gives an excellent and concise description of plants, e.g. DAHOON HOLLY (*Ilex cassine*) with a GOOD COLOR PHOTO. I have one in my backyard. It gives all the relevant information in a clear and concise way: height, light, bloom, etc. Habitat was extremely helpful, i.e. usually found near streams and swamps. I started making sure it got more water! It is on my shelf next to "Florida Landscaping Plants Revised Edition" by Watkins and Sheehan, and between the two, I think I can usually find some helpful information.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Plant Florida Natives and Reap the Environmental Rewards By Joy A. A great book for newcomers to Florida, as well as instructors of landscaping classes that provides the rationale and importance behind utilizing native Florida plants and trees. This book includes beautiful color photos accompanied by profiles which describe the plant's native range, size, light requirement, bloom time and other important information. The author explains how to create a native garden (including a few landscape designs for different kinds of communities), and describes the best plants that thrive in the state's varied and unique climates. In the back of the book you will find a list of Plant Families, a list of Florida Native Nurseries and a bibliography. This book is an excellent resource for all Florida gardeners.

Many counties in Florida now require that new commercial landscapes contain a percentage of native plants. Native landscapes are easier to maintain, use less water and thrive without chemical pesticides and fertilizers. Native Florida Plants describes every type of regional flora—from seaside foliage and wildflowers to grassy meadows, shrubs, vines, and aquatic gardens—in 301 profiles and accompanying color photographs.

A handy manual for newcomers to Florida whether new homeowners or tourists. (National Garden Clubs, (www.gardenclub.org)) Native Florida Plants by Haehle and Brookwell updates the list of native plant nurseries in addition to adding a number of new plant profiles not included in the 1999 edition. And it includes the family names of plants in an additional appendix, making the book useful as a text. Add to your Florida collection. (Georgia Tasker Miami Herald) As in the first edition, Brookwell's beautiful photography helps novices with plant identification and the easy-to-read format gives quick information on plant characteristics and growing conditions. (Charlyne Varkonyi Schaub South Florida Sun-Sentinel) Haehle and Brookwell detail plants that are successful in the diverse climates throughout Florida. (Gainesville Sun) Page after page of plant pictures and information making identification much easier. (Florida Times-Union) Whether you are interested in trees, shrubs, perennials, vines or aquatics, this book will help you choose a native plant for the task. Informative. (Becky Wern, Georgia Times-Union) Page after page of plant pictures and information. (Becky Wern Florida Times - Union) Especially aimed at those who want to turn their outdoor space into a landscape for wildlife and native plants. (Tallahassee Democrat) "a good encyclopedia of Florida natives, with large detailed photographs...It's worth having on your shelf." (Harriet Howard Heithaus Naples Daily News) About the Author Robert G. Haehle is a horticulture consultant and gardening writer. He was the radio host of "Garden Line". He has written numerous columns and articles for Southern Living, South Florida Home Garden, Florida Nurseryman, and many others. Joan Brookwell has worked for 10 years at the Sun-Sentinel in Fort Lauderdale as the home and garden editor. She is currently a freelance writer and photographer living in Fort Lauderdale.