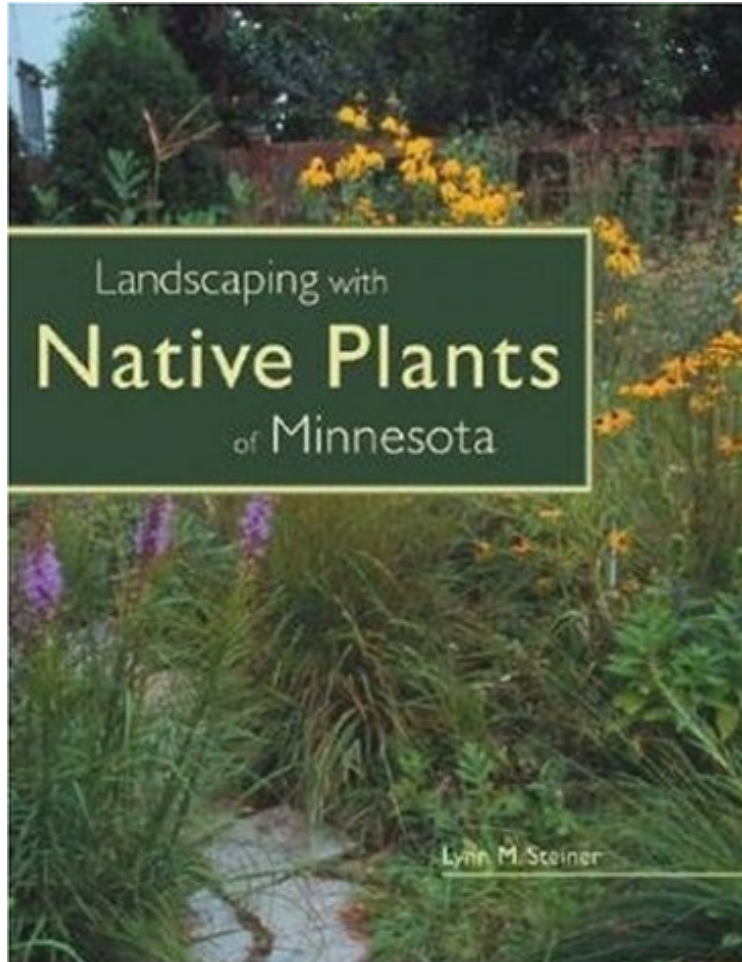


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**Lynn M. Steiner : Landscaping with Native Plants of Minnesota** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Landscaping with Native Plants of Minnesota:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. This book saved my wild yardBy ARI had a large rock ledge facing my back yard that was mostly wild, but I wanted to create the feeling that it was part of the yard and not an overgrown mess. Using this book I was able to plan a nice prairie that bridges the "wild" and the more manicured yard - although I'm leaning towards more of a prairie look for the whole back yard now.The book was very instructional in helping me to determine which "wild" plants were natives and should be kept and which were not native. I eliminated all of the non-native plants and used the encyclopedia part of the book to choose native plants to fill in those areas.For me a "plant book" has to have pictures and this book has great pictures of native plant gardens. This book gave me so many good ideas!18 of 18 people found the following review helpful. The best book on Minnesota native plantsBy Ruth Henriquez LyonThis is about the most user-friendly garden book I've ever owned. In the first third of the book Ms.

Steiner teaches the how's and why's of native plants, and how to distinguish them from invasive, weedy introduced plants. She shows how to make your gardens wildlife-friendly, drought and disease resistant, and beautiful, describing planting strategies for all sorts of environments (sunny, dry, marshy, woodland, water gardens, etc.) She covers everything about plant cultivation--from weed control, pruning, staking, dividing plants, pests and much more. She also covers garden design, and the photographs of plant combinations are inspiring. One chapter, entitled "A Gallery of Gardens," has many examples of beautifully designed native plantings. The last two-thirds of the book is an encyclopedia of sorts, divided into Flowers and Groundcovers, Grasses and Sedges, Ferns, Deciduous Trees, Deciduous Shrubs and Small Trees, Conifers, and Vines. She describes in depth many different cultivars of each plant under these headings, how to care for it, what other plants to plant with it, and what its prime landscape use is. This portion of the book is invaluable for planning your gardens, and is great for bringing along on your trips to the nursery. This book is packed with so much information on both the science and the art of gardening with native plants. If you think that gardening with natives results in a dull, rather colorless garden, this book should change your mind and get you excited about working with the plants nature has so abundantly provided us with.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Bit of a Disappointment  
By Robyn W  
This book was highly recommended by instructors at a wildflower workshop I attended in Northern Minnesota. It's well-written and has many very lovely photos but it hasn't been as helpful as I'd hoped. It gives names of plants to use but generally they aren't cross-referenced so when I've looked for a particular plant, if I don't know it's genus, then I'm finding I have to go to other books and hope I find it in one of them. Also, gives a lot of suggestions for what might compliment a particular plant but doesn't provide a photo of either of them. I'm disappointed that it hasn't been as helpful as I'd thought it would be as I plan my wildflower garden.

Gardeners use native plants for several reasons. For many, their initial attraction is to native plants reputation for being low maintenance, as well as their ability to survive difficult soil and weather conditions. But equally appealing is the joy of connecting with nature and our states natural heritage and the satisfaction of creating a real sense of place rather than just another cookie-cutter landscape. "Landscaping with Native Plants of Minnesota" is the first book designed to help you identify Minnesotas native plants and plant communities and to demonstrate how to use them effectively in a typical home landscape. In this book you'll find the basic gardening information you need for working with the native plants of Minnesota. You'll learn what level of native-plant landscaping is right for you and get valuable information on the process of designing a natural garden that fits your lifestyle and family. You'll also find lots of plant lists for specific styles of gardens. In the Gallery of Gardens section, you'll be inspired by what your fellow Minnesota gardeners have done with native plants in their own landscapes, including a prairie restoration, a suburban woodland garden, and a garden for wildlife. The Native Plant Profiles section includes comprehensive descriptions of some 600 species of flowers and groundcovers, trees, shrubs, vines, evergreens, grasses, and ferns native to Minnesota, as well as information on planting, maintenance, and landscape uses for each plant.

About the Author: Lynn M. Steiner is one of the best-known gardening writers in Minnesota. Her enthusiasm for native plants and gardening stems from her childhood curiosity about all things natural as well as 20 years of tending her own extensive home gardens. For 15 years she was the editor of Northern Gardener magazine, and under her direction it earned several awards for "Overall Excellence" from the Minnesota Magazine Publications Association.

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Everything you need to know about Minnesotas beautiful native plants and how to include them in your landscapes