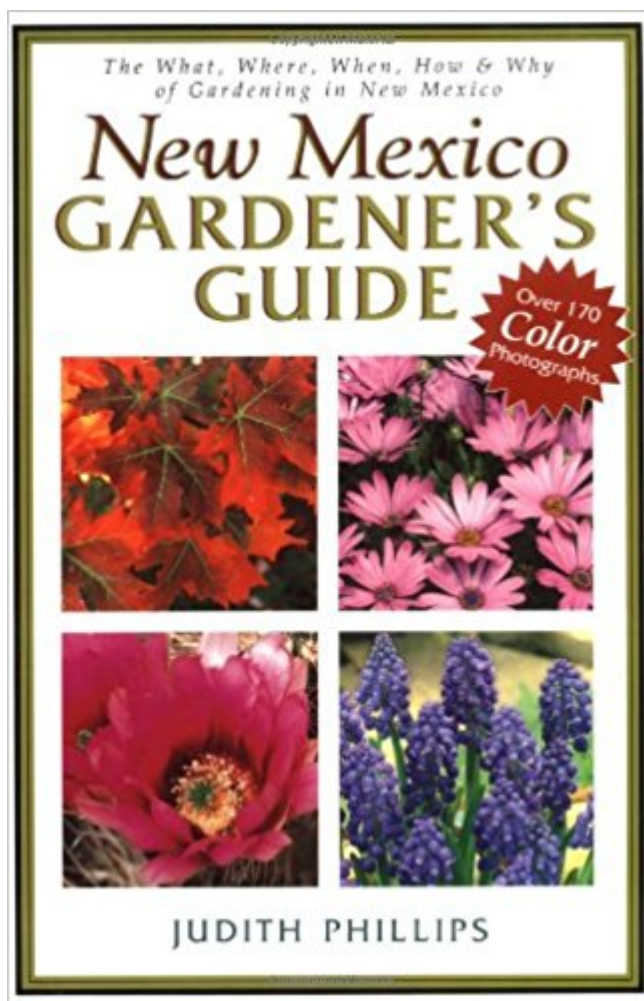




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# New Mexico Gardener's Guide



## Synopsis

Gardening is now the favorite leisure pastime in America. Homeowners are realizing the health benefits derived from gardening and the increase in their home's property value. Book retailers are well aware that the trend in gardening books is to regional titles that provide credible information on the plants that perform well in specific regions. Written by gardening expert Judith Phillips, this book offers advice on the diverse landscape of New Mexico. Contains easy to use advice on the top landscape plant choices (more than 160 entries) for New Mexico. Recommends specific varieties and provides advice on how to plant, how to grow and how to care for New Mexico's best plants.

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## Customer Reviews

Judith Phillips is a landscape designer, garden writer, and teacher with 35 years' experience designing gardens in the high desert. She loves working with native and xeric plants because they are beautiful, conserve water, and support wildlife. Her design projects have included more than a thousand home gardens in New Mexico, Colorado, and Arizona, as well as a healing garden at a local hospital and habitat gardens at two national wildlife refuges. In addition to writing two editions of New Mexico Gardener's Guide and collaborating on Water-Wise Plants for the Southwest for Cool Springs Press, Phillips is the author of Southwestern Landscaping with Native Plants, Revised Edition; Natural by Design; and Plants for Natural Gardens. She has written numerous magazine articles, water conservation essays, and educational brochures. Phillips teaches an arid-adapted plants class in the landscape architecture master's degree program at the University of New

Mexico.

Another fabulous book by Judith Phillips. I've been lucky enough to have Judith do a landscape design for two of my houses, and she is amazing.

I liked the information presented in this book but would have liked to see a larger photograph of the plants. Most of the book is black and white with a section of small photographs of the plants. I cannot see leaf definition or perhaps even the look of fruits or blooms. In books of plants that someone like me, from another part of the US, needs more detailed photographs to be truly helpful.

just waiting for the book

Love this book

A book like this makes me want to plant everything. However, the information is useful and interesting, especially the climate and altitude maps. I like that native plants are included.

I mistook this book as a book on gardening native plants of New Mexico. It is not that. It is a book on gardening in New Mexico plants that you buy at the plant nursery... It has however a few pages on cultivating yuccas, succulents and the like. The hardiness color tables are interesting.

I am a novice gardener and native Kansan, and was extremely daunted when moving into my new house made me mistress of a well-established, water-hungry New Mexico garden. By covering each kind of plant individually, with both practical and aesthetic advice, this book has allowed me to proceed with confidence. Its strengths:- I have found very few among my existing plantings that I couldn't identify (and care for) based on the descriptions and color photos in this book.- The coverage includes both xeric and water-hungry plants that are hardy here, which has helped me maintain what I inherited while preparing to transition to a lower water use spread. Its weaknesses:- Now that I have survived spring clean-up, I am interested in more generalized landscaping advice that isn't included here. The focus is entirely on specific plants, with only passing reference to subjects such as designing a layout or installing a drip system.

As a fellow person in the landscape design profession locally, I am pleased with my purchase,

though I don't agree with every bit of information in the book. Most important, though, Judith illustrates the subtle, yet important factors that influence how plants can grow successfully and where in our region. I have had some different experiences with climate data and some plants (Mesquite is one) than she has, but I highly recommend that natives and new arrivals alike apply the facts in this book to avoid the common plant mistakes made in New Mexico!

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