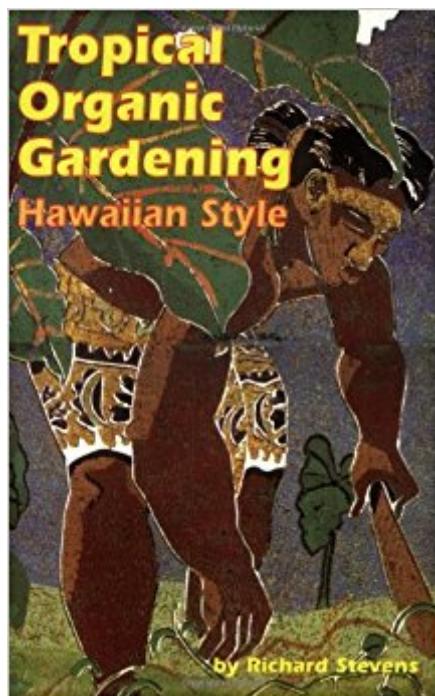


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# Tropical Organic Gardening: Hawaiian Style



## **Synopsis**

Anyone who wants to grow a garden organically in a tropical climate will find Tropical Organic Gardening ~ Hawaiian Style an invaluable resource. Growing food organically has increased dramatically in the twenty years since this book was originally published as Organic Gardening in Hawaii. Attitudes toward improved personal health and the welfare of the natural environment have prompted changes in farming and gardening approaches.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Richard Stevens has drawn upon years of experimenting in his gardens to share valuable information and insights with the reader. His vast knowledge about tropical gardening was acquired through experiences in many places around the world including Guam, Vietnam, and China. Growing practices in Old Hawaii are discussed, giving insight into life in a pre-chemical world and placing organic gardening in historical perspective. Basic principles of organic gardening have been modified for tropical conditions and resources. Following an introduction to building a healthy soil, readers are given tools for natural pest control, companion plants, and organic fertilizers. Nutritional information and growing tips for popular fruits, vegetables and herbs are included. Remedies for nutrient and insect problems are conveniently listed in separate tables. The environmental impact of chemical farming is also addressed. Richard Stevens has written a book both practical and beautiful, with a prose style that transforms a gardening manual into a work of art. Reading this book is sharing a poet's love for the earth, gaining renewed respect for nature and embracing the joy of growing food organically.

Excellent information and well done. There are good growing tips and I am glad I bought the book, it will be a good companion book on the garden shelf with the rest of my favorites.

Gave as a gift to someone in Hawaii. They loved it.

Part art and part science, partly spiritual and partly down to earth, this little book captures well what tropical organic gardening is all about. It is about being close to the earth in a lush environment in which bugs and weeds proliferate like explosions. It is about how to cope with this rich environment without the use of noxious chemicals. Gardening as I have discovered is hard work. Organic gardening is even harder work. But in the long run organic is the only way to go. This book will show you how to grow your plants organically and why you should. You will learn how to build soil and compost, how to protect your plants from pests. You'll learn which plants do well in which Hawaiian micro climates and which do not. You'll learn something about Hawaiian culture and how it relates to growing fruits, flowers and vegetables. Author Richard Stevens has a PhD in history and is an expert on the flora, fauna, soil and history of the Hawaiian Islands. His love for the islands and his love for gardening are part of what make this book such a pleasure to read. Of course it is not encyclopedic but introductory, yet for most gardeners it covers everything you will need to know. By the way, the book is an updated version of *Organic Gardening in Hawaii* first published in 1981. --Dennis Littrell, author of *The World Is Not as We Think It Is*

A child could have written this book. If you are looking for a comprehensive report of tropical gardening, look elsewhere. This is not the book. Its cute as a flip-through coffee-table book, but nothing more; all of the information it contains is basic common knowledge for any average gardener.

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