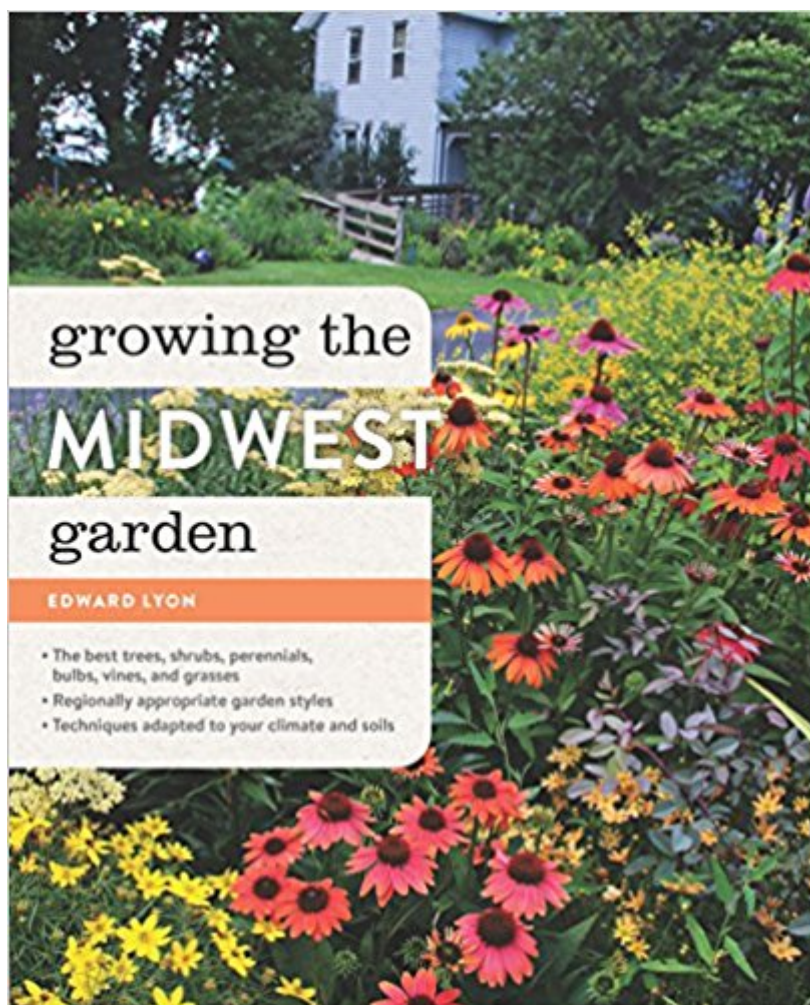




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# Growing The Midwest Garden: Regional Ornamental Gardening (Regional Ornamental Gardening Series)



## Synopsis

Plant selection and garden style are deeply influenced by where we are gardening. To successfully grow a range of beautiful ornamental plants, every gardener has to know the specifics of the region's climate, soil, and geography. *Growing the Midwest Garden*, by Edward Lyon, the director of Wisconsin's Allen Centennial Gardens, offers an enthusiastic and comprehensive approach to ornamental gardening in the heartland. This guide features in-depth chapters on climate, soil, pests, and maintenance, along with plant profiles of the best perennials, annuals, trees, shrubs, and bulbs.

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• Invaluable to regional gardeners at all levels of accomplishment, from the nascent to the experienced. • "Richard G. Hawke, Chicago Botanic Garden" • If anyone knows the ins and outs of Midwest gardening, it's Lyon. • "Chicago Tribune" • Ed Lyon shares his encyclopedia knowledge of the tips, techniques, and plants specifically suited to the heartland. . . . this reference will help you make better plant choices, select friendlier planting locations, and create your own distinctly Midwest garden. • "Michigan Gardener" • Full of tips, techniques and plants. • "Iowa City Press-Citizen"

Create a marvelous Midwest garden Everyone wants a glorious garden, but conditions in the

Midwest can make it a challenge to grow the most popular ornamentals. Let Midwest gardening expert Ed Lyon help you with his encyclopedic knowledge of the tips, techniques, and plants specifically suited to the heartland. Learn the region's myriad climates, geography, soils, and how to work with them. Follow the specially compiled A-to-Z plant guide to discover the very best choices for your region, and find inspiration in stunningly photographed, site-specific design solutions. Put an insider's knowledge to work to make better plant choices, select friendlier planting locations, and create your own distinctly Midwest home garden.

There are several great gardening books out there (Armitage, DiSabato-Aust) but this is the book I have been waiting for. I have wanted a garden book covering plants (perennials, annuals, trees, shrubs) that I can actually find in a local nursery as well as likely have success in growing in my hardiness zone. Lyon covers 12 states and 3 Canadian provinces broken down into 5 Midwest regions that provide the reader with maximum chances of finding the right plant for "my" site. Lyon's illustrations of over 200 plants are marvelous. His writing style is conversational, witty -- I felt like he was sitting beside me discussing plants, soil, diseases, etc. His advice is based on his personal gardening experiences as well as being the director of several major Midwest public gardens. He is candid about the pros and cons of his selections but leaves the reader with good cultivar choices should you want to try, for example, a Bearded Iris - a plant I have come to dislike in my garden and Lyon's narrative hits the problems on the head. I wish I could have had his critical perspective over the years - would have saved me time, money, and frustrations over my poor decisions as well as often reinforcing the good choices I have made. Lyon wants his reader to have successful and enjoyable garden experiences. I look forward to trying out my newly found Midwest garden knowledge.

Extremely helpful book. We are converting a large patch of grass lawn back into prairie. This book gave us good ideas for drought-resistant, perennials.

Ed writes as well as he speaks. That's saying a lot. The book addresses all kinds of questions and answers things I didn't know to ask. I have bought several now, for me and as gifts.

Good information for Wisconsin; a great reference.

I got this for a dear step daughter who is an avid and very successful gardener. It looks to be a good

and complete reference book.

I like the book, but wish there would have been more details included in the plant section.

A great and useful book. I was a little surprised at some omissions in plant lists but still loved the book.

As a certified Master Gardener for years in Wisconsin I have grown very selective about the gardening books that I now collect for my library. I was very pleased with Mr. Lyon's practical, straight forward approach on how to improve existing gardens and especially for ways to improve the soil quality in these established gardens. I will be adding a thick layer of compost on all my gardens this Fall and a thick layer of organic mulch this each Spring.

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