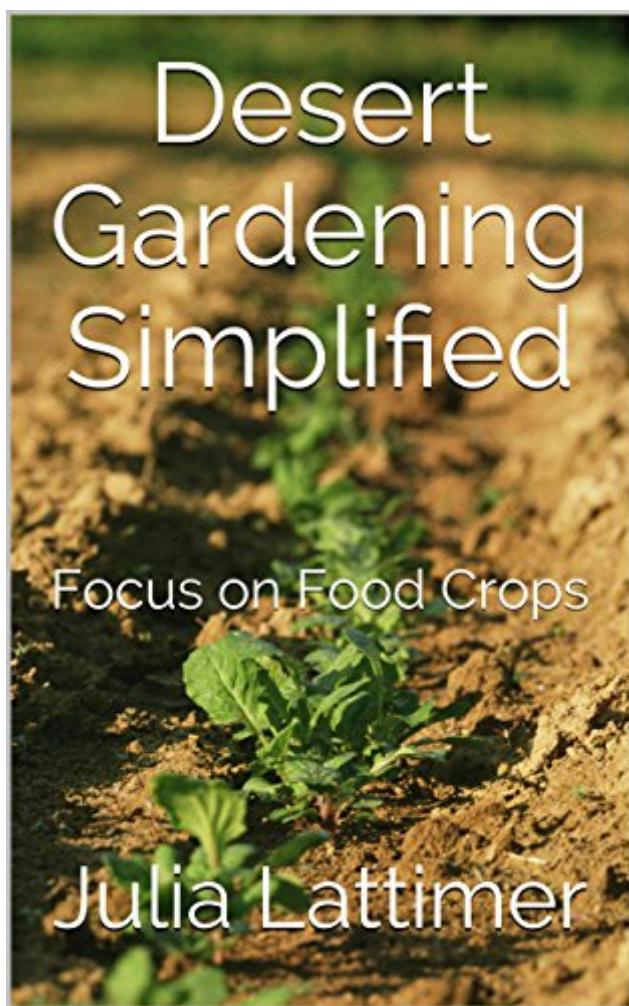


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# Desert Gardening Simplified: Focus On Food Crops



## **Synopsis**

Don't you just love those "little known gardening secrets" that you see all over the internet and in books? Well, I have a desert garden secret for you. The vast majority of information available to home gardeners has little to no value for the Desert Southwest. Planting times, soil preparation, light requirements, heat tolerances, fertilizers, watering needs – most of the information out there either doesn't work here or is outright detrimental (adding lime to your soil for example). Even the information on the back of seed packets is vague and generally irrelevant. The focus of their information is winter weather – planting advice given with freezing temperatures in mind – but no mention of hot dry springs and summers or hot humid monsoons. One of the biggest challenges desert gardeners have is not the desert itself but the "information desert." What I needed years ago and probably what you're looking for now is information specifically for the desert, not folklore. This book is intended to guide you to enjoyable, uncomplicated, and low-cost desert garden food crops and to dispel a few anecdotes along the way.

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Exactly what you need to read after you've read a bunch of other "general" vegetable gardening

books. Julia lays out what desert soil is and how you should handle it, and what things to ignore from other books that deal with typical humid climates.

some very good info for gardening in the desert

This book is well written, but more importantly it addresses a real need if you want to grow your own food in the desert. I've had gardens all over this country but I have to admit the one I tried to grow here convinced me my gardening days were done unless I wanted to move again. This book has revived my enthusiasm and I am going to try again. The desert is like no other place I've ever lived! and Julia is correct that no other gardening book comes close to what works here. So thank you so much for putting it altogether for me, can't wait to go play in the dirt

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