

RESOURCES FOR NATIVE PLANT LANDSCAPING IN THE FLATHEAD

BOOKS:

NATIVE PLANT IDENTIFICATION:

A Flora of Glacier National Park. Peter Lesica. 2002. Oregon State University Press, Corvallis. Technical key with descriptions of species and the habitats they grow in. Photographs and line drawings.

Checklist of the Vascular Plants for Glacier National Park Montana, U.S.A. Second Edition. Peter Lesica. 1996. Glacier Natural History Association, West Glacier, Montana.

Northern Rocky Mountain Wildflowers. H. Wayne Phillips. 2001. Falcon Press Helena. A field guide to plants of our region with great color photographs. By former MNPS president.

Northwest Penstemons. Dee Strickler. 1997. The Flower Press. Columbia Falls, Montana.

Plants of Southern Interior British Columbia. Parish, Coupé and Lloyd. 1996. Lone Pine Field Guide. This book provides keys and color photographs of wildflowers, trees, shrubs and some grasses. They are not all from our area, but the book is a good reference for Northwestern Montana.

Vascular Plant Checklist for the Flathead National Forest. Obtain through Flathead Chapter, Montana Native Plant Society, call 270-7028 for more information.

Wildflowers of Glacier National Park and Surrounding Areas. Shannon Fitzpatrick Kimball and Peter Lesica. 2005. Trillium Press. A native plant field guide with beautiful photographs. Not a comprehensive species list for the area, but descriptions for specimens covered are very thorough.

NATIVE PLANT GARDENING AND LANDSCAPING:

Building Inside Nature's Envelope: How New Construction and Land Preservation Can Work Together. Andy Wasowski and Sally Wasowski. 2000. Oxford University Press. This is an excellent book on environmentally sensitive construction and landscaping.

Gardening with Prairie Plants. Sally Wasowski. 2001. University of Minnesota Press.

Gardening with Native Plants of the Pacific Northwest. Arthur R. Kruckeberg. 1982. University of Washington Press.

High and Dry: Gardening with Cold-Hardy Dryland Plants. Robert Nold. 2008. Timber Press. \$34.95. Thorough but easy to read discussion on drought-resistant native plant gardening with details on recommended plants.

Landscaping with Native Plants of the Intermountain Region. Idaho BLM Publication. Available online at http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/info/publications/technical_bulletins/tr_1730-3.html
Can download or order a free copy. Has information on many Montana natives.

Landscaping with Wildflowers and Native Plants. 1984. Ortho Books. ISBN 0-89721-029-8.

The Magic of Montana Native Plants: A Gardener's Guide to Growing Over 150 Species from Seed. Sheila Morrison. 2003. Available for \$17.95 + \$3.00 postage from Montana Native Plant Press, 3912 Lincoln Road, Missoula, MT 59802. Provides detailed information on how to successfully grow native plants from seed.

Propagation of Pacific Northwest Native Plants. Robin Rose Caryn, E.C. Chachuiski and Diane Haase. 1998. Oregon State University Press, Corvallis.

Waterwise and Native Plants for Missoula County. Helen Atthowe, et al. Available for \$10 from the Missoula County Extension Service, 126 West Spruce, Missoula, MT 59802. Excellent information on specific native plant requirements. Covers many native species that do well in the Flathead area.

WEBSITES:

Bridger Plant Materials Center – Natural Resources Conservation Service.

http://plant-materials.nrcs.usda.gov/news/features/native_landscapes.html

Brochure: Creating Native Landscapes in the Northern Rockies and Rocky Mountains. Download an on-line copy of their popular brochure on landscaping with native plants.

California Native Plant Society - <http://www.cnps.org/cnps/grownative/>

Gardening with Native Plants, Not local, but a lot of good information about gardening with natives. Contains a beautiful photo gallery organized by habitat

Colorado State University- <http://herbarium.biology.colostate.edu/gardening.htm>

Gardening with Native Plants There are about 50,000 herbarium specimens in the database and the entire collection is in the process of being computerized. There is also a brief gardening article.

Environmental Protection Agency - <http://www.epa.gov/greenacres/>

General information for the whole U.S. that includes the benefits of gardening with native plants and landscaping hints.

Firewise: Making Sensible Choices in the Wildland/Urban Interface – <http://www.firewise.org/>

List of firewise plants for Montana, including non-native ornamentals

The Heritage Program- <http://mtnhp.org/>

The Heritage Program is Montana's source for information on native plant species and habitat, emphasizing those of conservation concern; specific information on plant communities.

Idaho Native Plant Society- www.idahonativeplant.org

Great section labeled "Native Plants of Northern Idaho for Landscape and Reclamation" has information on many Montana natives.

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center - <http://www.wildflower.org/>

With native plant listings by state, beautiful color photos of every plant, information on seed collecting and much more, this site is loaded with information on gardening and landscaping with native plants

Montana Native Plant Society - <http://www.mtnativeplants.org/Home>

The website provides contacts for local MNPS chapters, articles from the Society's newsletter, and provides links to Society publications, including an article on how to grow *Echinacea*, *Guidelines for Selecting Horticultural Plant Material for Montana*, and *Recommended Species for Native Plant Gardening the Flathead*.

Montana Plant Life - <http://montana.plant-life.org/index.html>

Montana plants with accompanying photos. Great resource for plants in Montana.

Montana State University Extension Publications Catalog - <http://www.msueextension.org/store/>
Search Yard & Garden. This website allows you to order Extension Service publication online. The general information is good, but they offer little specific advice on natives, so care should be taken when selecting recommended species.

Montana Weed Control Association - <http://www.mtweed.org/>
Website on Montana noxious weeds including photo identification guide and a range of management methods.

Montana Wildlife Gardener - <http://montanawildlifegardener.blogspot.com/>
David Schmetterling's blog on gardening in Missoula; how native plant gardening can be fun, educational, sustainable and meaningful.

Native Plants Journal and Native Plant Network - <http://www.nativeplantnetwork.org/>
Provides information and abstracts for the *Native Plants Journal*, a practical guide for planting and growing native plants, and the Native Plant Network, which provides a searchable database of native plant production methods.

Natural Resources Conservation Service - <http://plants.usda.gov/>
This site provides a huge plant database with a photo gallery of many of the plants, fact sheets on individual species, links to other plant related sites and state and federal noxious weed lists.

Oregon Native Plant Society's-Gardening - <http://www.npsoregon.org/landscaping1.html>

Perennial Gardening on the Prairies - <http://www.em.ca/garden/>
The "Wildflowers" link takes you to the Canadian Prairie Wildflowers page which is a native wildflowers list. This listing contains multiple beautiful color photographs of plants, descriptions and habitat information. Though oriented toward Saskatchewan, many of the species are also common to our prairie areas. A fantastic perennial gardening site, but not all species listed are natives.

Plant Native - <http://www.plantnative.org>
Listings of sources for native plants references, native plant lists by state. Great section on 'naturescaping' principles. Based out of Portland, OR.

Sources of Montana Native Plants - 2010 Edition - <http://www.mtnativeplants.org/filelib/180.pdf>
Replacing the former source guide, this is a newly researched statewide guide to sources of native plant material for your landscape needs.

Washington Native Plant Society - <http://www.wnps.org/landscaping/index.html>
Excellent site with many helpful links (for both the wet and dry sides of the state). The "Photos" link contains about 60 stunning photographs and information on habitat, blooming time and range.

Washington State University Extension Service - <http://gardening.wsu.edu/nwnative/>
The Plant Identification Database contains descriptions, habitat, advantages/disadvantages, propagation information and photos or drawings. It is primarily of plants from wetter habitats.