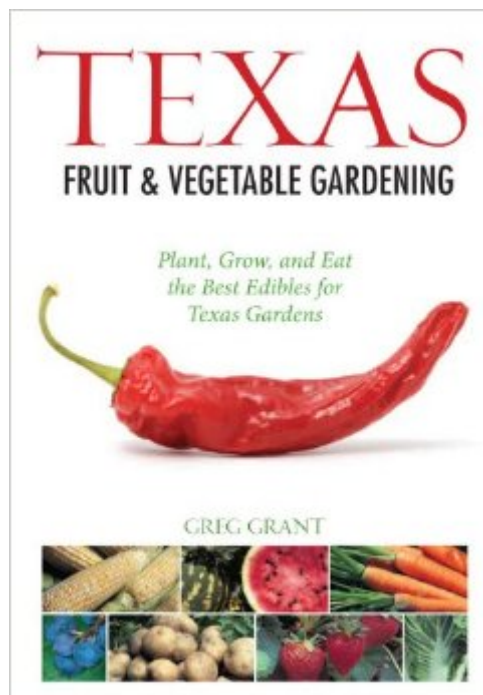


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Texas Fruit & Vegetable Gardening: Plant, Grow, And Eat The Best Edibles For Texas Gardens (Fruit & Vegetable Gardening Guides)



Synopsis

This book includes more than 60 fruits, vegetables and herbs suitable for the diverse growing conditions of Texas gardens. Texas Fruit & Vegetable Gardening addresses the climate, soil, sun, and water conditions that affect growing success. Each plant profile highlights planting, growing, watering, and care information. Helpful charts and graphs assist gardeners in knowing when to plant and harvest.

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Customer Reviews

We've attended a few master gardener classes (we're not master gardeners - the subjects interested us) with Greg and have been impressed with his easy ability to work with both novices and experts in all levels of horticulture. He is an excellent and interesting speaker and if you ever get a chance to attend one of his classes you'll be impressed with how he's balanced his down-to-earth learning experiences with an incredible breadth of knowledge. I stumbled across a reference to this book and just had to have it. We tried to put in our first garden a few years ago and managed to kill everything except the grass. We read lots of gardening books; however, none seemed to be at the very basic level we needed. General gardening books just don't cut it in Texas soil and temperature. The book starts out with "Growing fruits and vegetables in Texas isn't easy". No kidding. We managed to kill our first garden in record time. Greg takes the reader by the hand and walks through selecting seeds to healthy soil to watering to pests to harvesting. The first section

also includes gardening with children. Greg keeps the learning interesting by weaving in short stories (primarily from his childhood) about how he learned to love the land and all that grows from it. There are sections on vegetables and herbs, fruits, nuts, and where to go if you need more help. Greg has made every topic not only easy to understand; but, also fun in learning the processes. Every vegetable/fruit/nut has two pages containing information on when to plant, where to plant, how to plant, care and maintenance, harvest, and where to get additional information along with pictures of the item.

With the subtitle Plant, Grow, and Eat the Best Edibles for Texas Gardens there isn't any question what this book is about or the intended audience. Gardening in Texas with the weather and landscape diversity isn't easy, but this book is designed to assist any Texas Gardener in the state. It features both container gardening and landscape gardening making this a hand reference guide for both types of gardeners. The 256 page book is broken into four sections with material in each section color coded for easy reference. The opening section is titled "The Garden" and features basic how to do various things. Mixed in with the large colorful pictures is a text that explains in simple terms how to go about starting a garden, using seeds, dealing with soil issues, composting, container gardening, and other topics. Proper watering techniques are discussed and readers are reminded that during drought it is okay if the plants wilt a little bit. On pages 60-61, the section on "Vegetable & Herbs" begins with a small text note about the merits of home grown produce. In alphabetical order from "Arugula" (pages 62-63) to "Winter Squash" (Pages 154-155) and everything in between is covered. Along with a picture of a vegetable or herb, there is information on when to plant it, where to plant it, how to do take care of it, when you can pull it and eat it, and "additional information" that frequently covers selected varieties. Like the book as a whole, the information is detailed, written in easy to understand language, and extensive on the item discussed. This same format is followed in the next section on "Fruits" starting on pages 156-159. This section opens with "Apples" (Pages 160-161) and ends with "Strawberry" on pages 188-189.

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