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About this Journal

This Journal was created under the direction of Wally Hansen – a dedicated Grower, Aficionado and Passionate Lover of Northwest Native Plants.

This Journal is not 'commercial.' Our goals are:

- A** — To generate interest, even passion, concerning the magnificent Native Plants of the Pacific Northwest.
- B** — To help you create your own Native Plant Gardens, large or small, for home or work.
- C** — To help you propagate and “grow on” those species that interest you the most.
- D** — To inform both Home Gardeners and interested Professionals of many disciplines concerning trends and news items from my little corner of the world.
- E** — To help the reader enjoy native plants more by understanding the historical and cultural role of native plants (i.e.–use by Native Americans, pioneers, early botanists, etc.).

Writers wanted: If you have expertise for any species of Northwest plants and wish to write an article for pay for publication in this Journal, please contact us via e-mail at nwplants@gmail.com Some articles (and pics) might deal with propagation, culture, diseases, restoration, reclamation, fertilizers, etc.



Grand Fir (*Abies grandis*), new growth in summer
Photo by JoAnn Onstott



On the Cover: Rose Hips on Apple Tree



An adventurous wild rose, wet with late autumn rain, clamboring over an old apple tree near Camp Adair: naturally festive decoration for the holiday season.

And what a feast for birds! This plentiful harvest will sustain many throughout the winter.

Come spring, they will use the moss for nesting.

Photo by
Jennifer Rehm



To do now in your native plant garden



After tending the garden all year, it is my personal opinion that December is time for the garden to take care of itself while the gardener takes a break. There really is not much to do outdoors anyway. Oh, if a big freeze is expected, do put some fir boughs over the tender shrubs planted this year, but that's it. Elsewise, our delightful gardens, we'll see you next year.

Mid-December - Gerald England

A full moon shines
over the morning frost;
the lanes are full of late-fallen leaves;
walking across the mulch
is almost as tricky
as treading over ice.

In town the carol-singers are in
crowding the shopping-mall,
while a group of muffled musicians
play by the outside market.

This year but two robins
on the early Christmas cards;
the squirrel still runs along the fence
skirting our newly-erected shed.

Winter Song Chickadees
Painting by Robert Bateman



Mystery plant puzzle



This photo is from Norma Curtis

Test your native plant knowledge--identify this perennial herb from one of our gardening friends. The reward is simple but very satisfying: You will be included in our list of Official Plant Detectives.

Send me an email
(NativePlantLady@nwplants.com) with the correct botanical name of this plant.

Good luck!

P.S. Do you have a plant you'd like to identify? Email it to us and we'll show it here on our Mystery Plant Puzzle page.

Official Plant Detectives

Jerry Murray
Sabrina Kis
Carol Hiler
Mike Burns
Nancy Whitehead
Pat Opdyke
Luke Kishpaugh
Dave Whitehead
Kim Crier Goodwin

The answer to our last plant puzzle: *Sidalcea nelsoniana*, "Nelson's Checkermallow." Many thanks to all who sent emails on this one and congratulations to Mike Burns for the correct identification!



Sparky's Corner

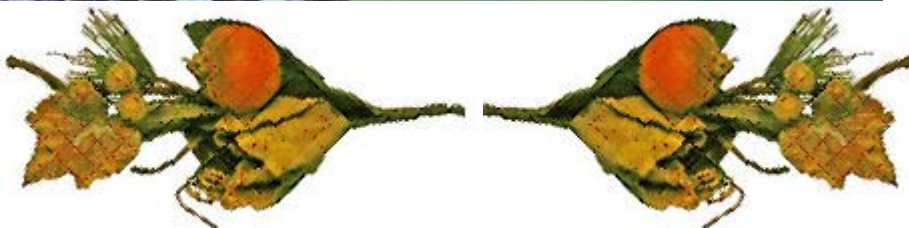
A special message from our frisky contributor



Kids, here is a fun game for holiday get-togethers. See how many friends and family can give the correct answers to our Western Gray Squirrel quiz:

1. What is the scientific name of WGS (Western Gray Squirrel)?
2. What is the largest native tree squirrel in the Pacific Northwest?
3. What do we call a baby squirrel?
4. What do we call a female squirrel?
5. What do we call a male squirrel?
6. What do we call a group of squirrels?
7. How long is an adult WGS tail?
8. How long is an adult WGS body?
9. What color are WGS?
10. What do WGS use their tails for?
11. How much does an adult WGS weigh?
12. How can you tell if a WGS has been in your yard?
13. How can you tell if an elephant has been in your refrigerator? (OK, this one isn't about squirrels, but you'll probably get a good laugh from your audience.)

The answers are on the next page.



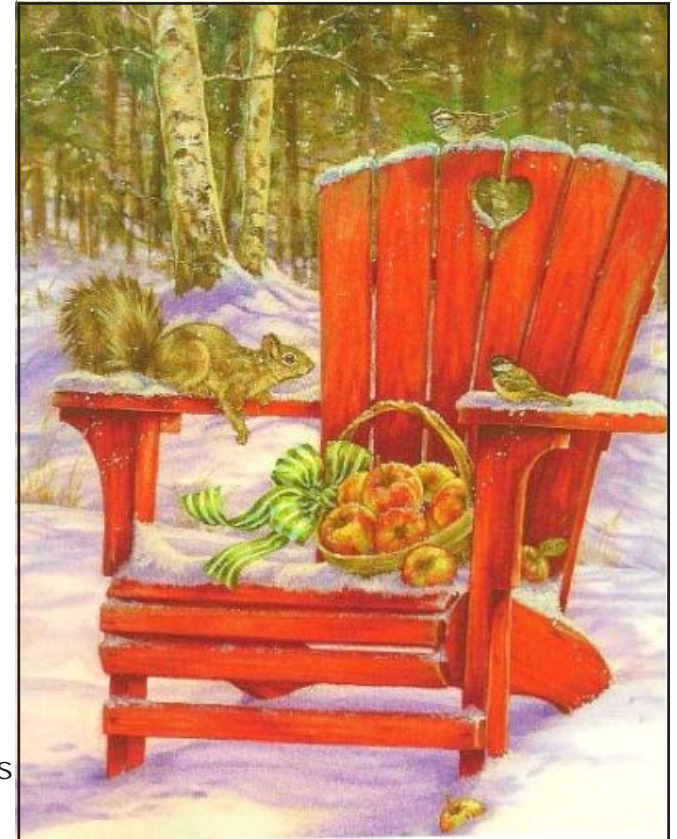
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Sparky's Corner, continued



Here are the answers for the squirrel quiz:

1. Sciurus griseus
2. Western gray squirrel
3. A pup, kit or kitten
4. A doe
5. A buck
6. A dray or scurry
7. 12 inches
8. 12 inches
9. Silver gray on the back and creamy white on the underside.
10. The long tail is used for balance when dashing between tree branches.
11. Between 12 ounces to 33 ounces.
12. Chewed cones and needle clusters on the ground (Large piles of cone scales generally indicate Douglas or red squirrels.)
13. By the footprints in the cream cheese.



Happy holidays, everyone!

Your friend,

Sparky

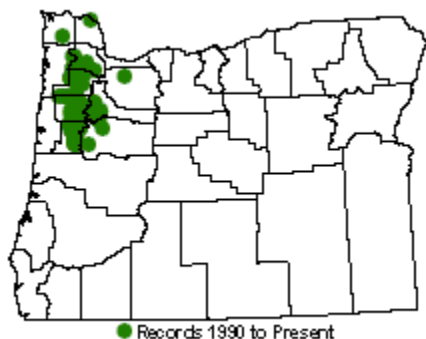


A Beautiful Bloom

Nelson's Checkermallow (*Sidalcea nelsoniana*)

Cruising along Highway 99E, these bright pink flowers where there had been none before caught my attention. As is my wont, I pulled over and whipped out my digital camera. I shot dozens of frames, close ups of leaf and bud, natural growth habit and terrain. Unable to immediately identify the plant, it went into my computer for later investigation.

Last month while perusing our graphic library for a mystery plant, I selected a closeup of my discovery. It was an charmed choice. Almost as soon as the journal was published, an email arrived from a fellow native plant lover with the answer I craved. Eureka! A decade-long search for this endangered darling culminated in a botanical 'pot of gold.' I had indeed captured Nelson's Checkerbloom.



Sidalcea nelsoniana
distribution in
Oregon

Nelson's Checkermallow
(*Sidalcea nelsoniana*)
Photo by Jennifer Rehm



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A Beautiful Bloom, continued



"These bright pink flowers where there had been none before caught my attention."

Photo by Jennifer Rehm

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A Beautiful Bloom, continued



Nelson's Checkerbloom or Checkermallow (*Sidalcea nelsoniana*) is a perennial herb in the mallow family (Malvaceae). It has been listed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act since 1993. It is also listed as threatened by the state of Oregon.

This species typically occurs in wet prairies of the Willamette Valley, the northern Coast Range and southwest Washington. It can also be found along roadsides, in wetlands, and along streams through meadows.

Remaining populations of Nelson's checkermallow are at risk from:

- further habitat loss or fragmentation
- invasion of prairie habitats by non-native species
- encroachment of trees and shrubs into prairie habitats
- elimination of natural disturbance regimes

Even so, I was still surprised to find this rare plant growing alongside the road, but Dr. Robert J. Meinke said:

"...that's, in fact, usually where you will see this species nowadays (as well as several other local rarities, like *Delphinium pavonaceum*, *Sidalcea campestris*, *Lathyrus holochlorous*, *Geranium oreganum*, etc.).

Nelson's Checkermallow
(*Sidalcea nelsoniana*)
Photo by Jennifer Rehm

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A Beautiful Bloom, continued

Dr. Meinke further explains:

"*Sidalcea nelsoniana* is a wet prairie endemic found almost entirely in the Willamette Valley, and large expanses of its natural, intact habitat are virtually gone. So, such species tend to be left clinging to prairie and grassland remnants that remain along roadsides, railroad tracks, and other unplowed or unpaved strips of land."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service in September 2010 published a Technical Notes document titled, "Introduction to Nelson's Checker-mallow, a Federally-listed Threatened Species," and a "Key and Photo Guide to the Checker-mallow Species that Occur within its Range."

Authors credited for this publication are Kathy Pendergrass, Plant Materials Specialist, NRCS, Portland, Oregon; and Steve Gisler, Biologist, Oregon Department of Transportation, Corvallis, Oregon. See the entire document at:

ftp://ftp-fc.sc.egov.usda.gov/OR/Technical_Notes/Plant%20Materials/PMC40a.pdf

(Copy/paste this URL to your browser. It is a valid link even though it starts with 'ftp' instead of the more common 'http.'"



The Center for Plant Conservation is a vast storehouse of informaton, superb!

http://www.centerforplantconservation.org/Collection/CPC_PI_Display.asp?Code=BERR



Photo by Jennifer Rehm

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A Beautiful Bloom, continued



Photo by Jennifer Rehm

This plant is included in the Owens Farm Restoration and Management Plan, June 2006. Polygons E, F and G have Nelson's Checkermallow. The accompanying comments state:

"Largest concentration of Nelson's checkermallow at Owens Farm. Habitat is imminently threatened by invasives, especially woody native and introduced species. Forest and shrub edges to the south and west have potential for native prairie restoration. Extent of open area north of Jackson Creek has been greatly reduced from historic levels as visible on historical aerial photographs."

Coincidentally, another plant of the same family is also included in the plan, in the Polygon A section. Meadow Checkermallow (*Sidalcea campestris*), currently considered a rare species.

Just outside of the Owens Farm property was found a colony of another rare species, Kincaid's Lupine.

These secondary flower buds are considerably smaller than the primaries..

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A Beautiful Bloom, continued

In the newsletter for the Owens Farm restoration, summer 2003, the following note describes part of the plan:

"...It is our goal that the surrounding Oregon ash trees will begin reclaiming this area to riparian forest with a rich understory of native plants. We are hopeful that this habitat will also continue to support the federally threatened Nelson's checkermallow. Dick Brainerd, a local botanist, walked the forest recently and found twenty of these elusive flowering plants."

Read this newsletter in its entirety at:
www.greenbeltlandtrust.org/newsletter/pdfs/Summer03Newsletter.pdf

Another effort aimed at restoring this plant to its former glory is in place on a 350 acre farm and forest currently being managed as a nature reserve. The Gahr Farm near McMinnville hosts many threatened or endangered flora and fauna in the nature reserve. *Sidalcea nelsoniana* is one of the plants targeted. The Gahr Farm website is here: www.gahrfarm.com/gf/farm.htm. Field visits can be arranged at the Farm. Contact: ted@gahrfarm.com.

Another internet information resource for the plant is quite unique. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Species Profile Nelson's Checker-Mallow (*Sidalcea nelsoniana*) has a real-life "map of species occurrence." Try it for yourself at <http://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=Q21M>



Thanks to Dr. Robert J. Meinke, Graduate Faculty, Conservation Biology, ODA Native Plant Conservation Program Lead, Department of Botany & Plant Pathology, Cordley Hall 2082, Oregon State University, for confirming the identification of this plant.



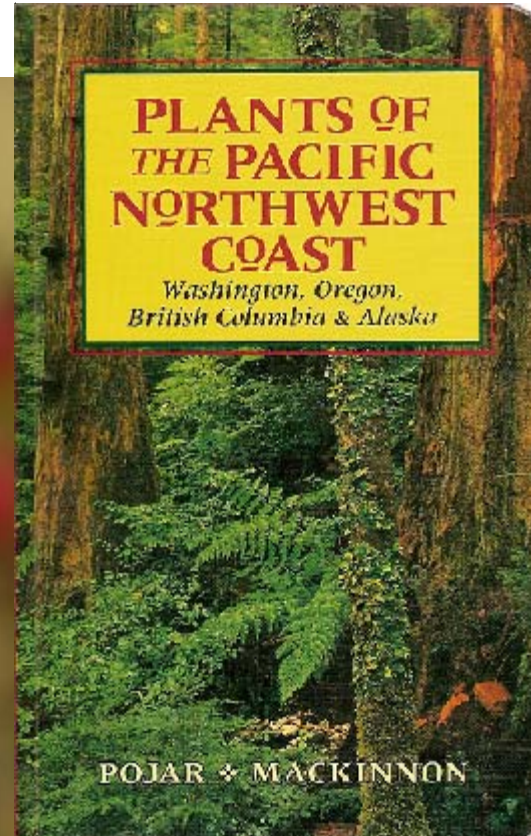
Photo by Jennifer Rehm



Rose Hips and Great Reads

Nature's fine red winter fruit, astute gardeners who put pen to paper: a dynamic duo

If your native plant library does not include this book, you're truly missing a masterpiece. There are other excellent native plant books, but this is the cornerstone of a proper bookshelf.



Pojar and McKinnon's *Plants of the Pacific Northwest Coast* is readily available at most bookstores.

Painting by Brockman



Photo by JoAnn Onstott

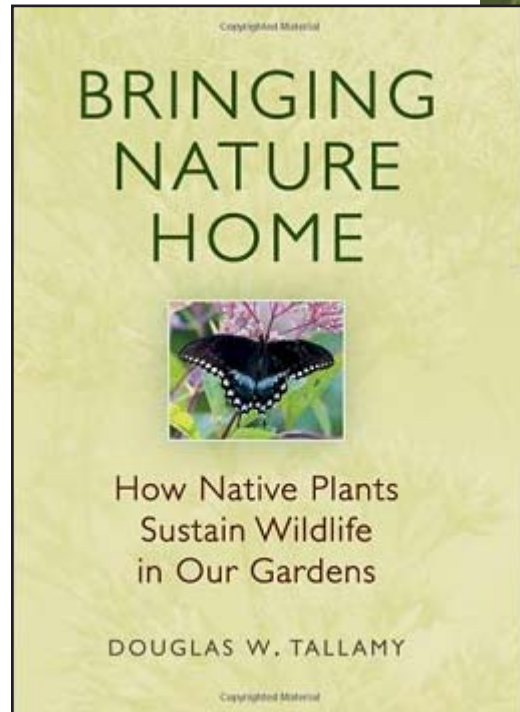
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Rose Hips and Great Reads, continued



Painting by Ann Swan

This tome by Douglas W. Tallamy, ***Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens***, is highly regarded by native plant lovers as well as the ecologically minded.



Tallamy gives chapter and verse on just what old love affairs with 'exotic' invaders has done and will continue to do lest we better understand the complexity of interactions between flora and fauna.

Get a whiff of what he's about on his website:

<http://bringingnaturehome.net/native-gardening>

Bald-Hip Rose (*Rosa gymnocarpa*)
Photos by JoAnn Onstott



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Rose Hips and Great Reads, continued

If you can find it, the Case book, *Trilliums*, is par excellence on the subject.

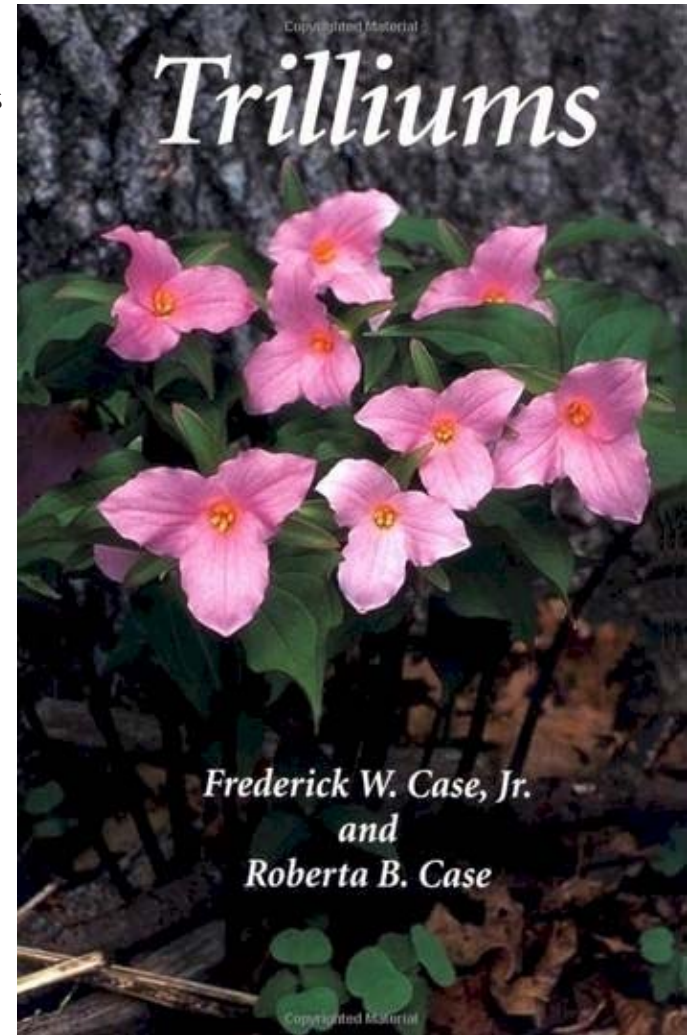


I ordered from an online bookstore, waited several months and finally was notified it was not available. I tried another online bookstore, same results. I'm going to Powell's in Portland next. You might find a used copy.

Painting of rose hips by Caryn Goldman

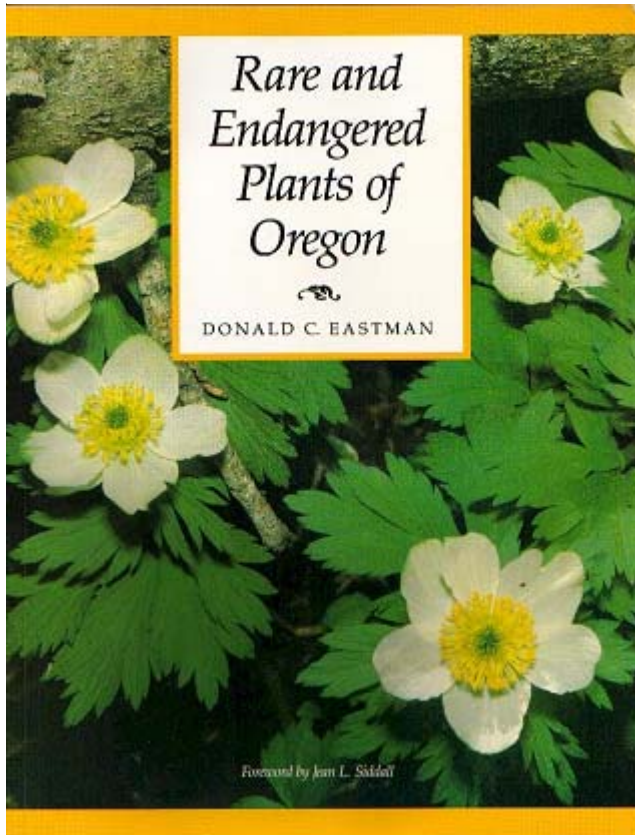


Chickadee and Rose Hips
Painting by Robert Bateman



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Rose Hips and Great Reads, continued



I had the good fortune of meeting the author and photographer, Donald C. Eastman, some years ago. He and his wife, the lovely Priscilla, invited me into their office and work space, shared some of their adventures and told me a little of their upcoming endeavours.

My (signed) copy of *Rare and Endangered Plants of Oregon* reigns supreme on a corner of my desk, always close at hand. It is well used but the exquisite photographs and descriptions are still as gorgeous as the day I bought it.



Photo by Jennifer Rehm



Though it is out of print, you may get lucky if you search carefully. Borders, Amazon and Powell's have used books as do many other vendors.

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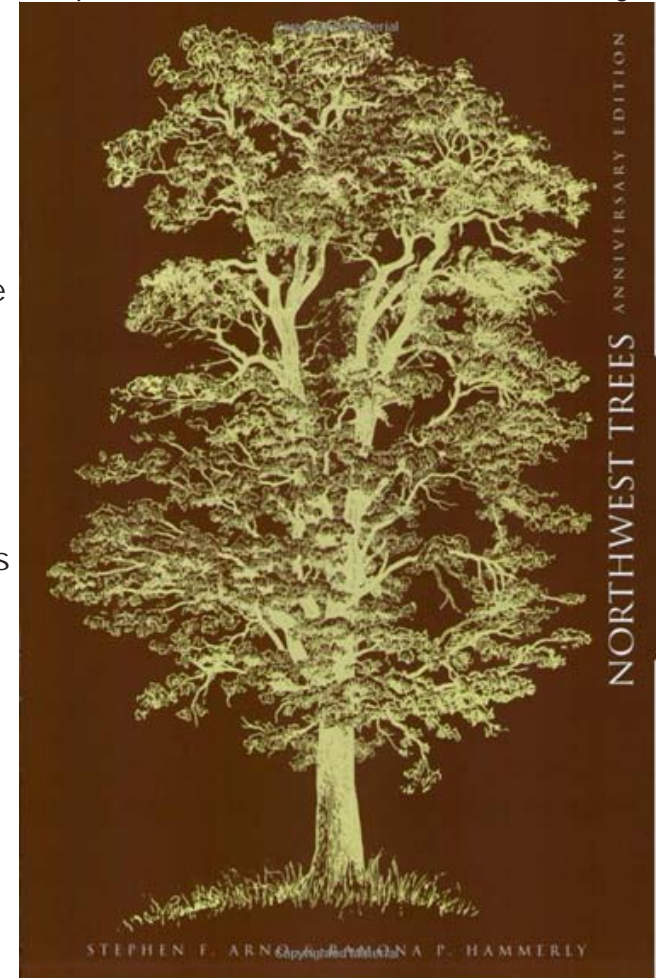
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Rose Hips and Great Reads, continued



Northwest Trees: Identifying and Understanding the Region's Native Trees. How can you distinguish a Noble fir from a Grand fir? Or a Quaking Aspen from a Sitka Alder? Stephen Arno and Ramona Hammerly will show you how in their classic guide to identifying and appreciating Northwest trees. Arno and Hammerly have been studying and roaming Northwest's forest for nearly 50 years and no other guide on the market duplicates their blend of expertise and visual artistry. Covering Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, and north into Canada, they help identify and illustrate over 60 species of wild Northwestern trees by characteristic shape, size, needles or leaves, and cones or seeds.

- Provides easy to use illustrated identification key based on the most reliable and non-technical features of each species
- Features the latest knowledge on the ecology and human history associated with all Northwest trees
- Over 250 species exceptionally accurate drawings and historical photos bring these ancient trees to life.



Description from [powells.com](https://www.powells.com)

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The Natural Habitat Garden

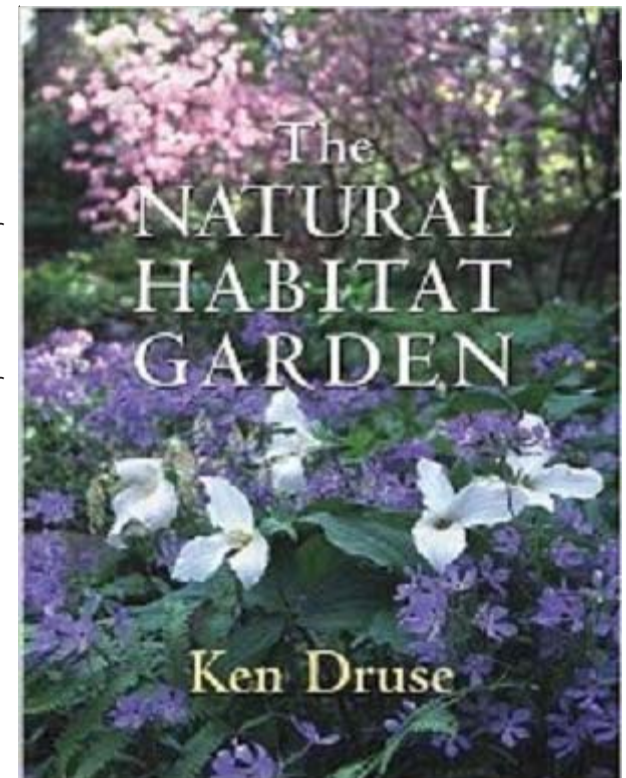
by Ken Druse with Margaret Roach came about from an interesting collaboration between author Druse and Roach who is the gardening editor for Newsday. The two surveyed United States gardens that focus on native plants.

The resulting book details their discoveries, noting the effects these gardens have had on their environment and in mitigating the damage done by decades of ill use.

Available from many book-stores.



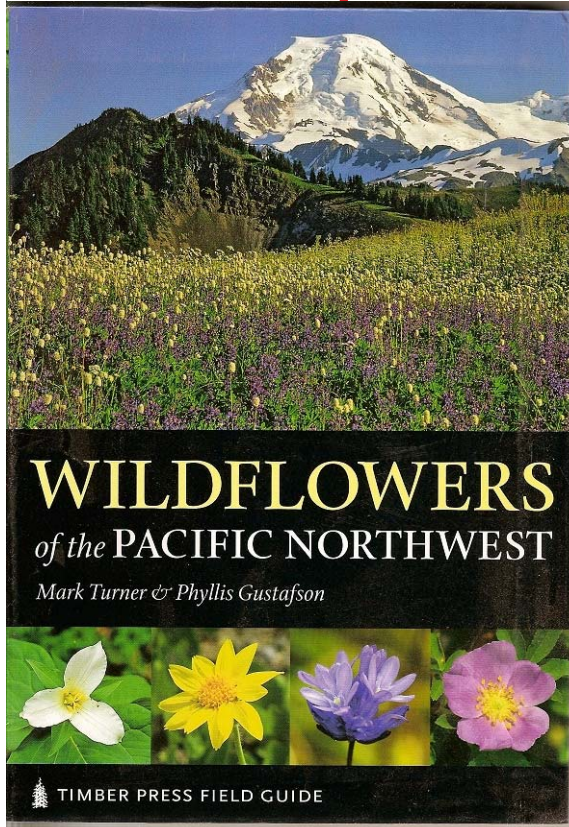
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Rose Hips and Great Reads, continued

Painting by
Stina Persson



Wildflowers of the Pacific Northwest by Mark Turner and Phyllis Gustafson is a colorful manual celebrating the amazing diversity of blooming plants we enjoy here in the Pacific Northwest. The authors recommend the book for hikers, naturalists, and native plant enthusiasts.

The book is organized by flower color and shape, and including a range map of each flower described. Such a format is user friendly and very enjoyable.

Covered here are both native and non-native perennials, annuals and shrubs. The

plants range from British Columbia to northern California and from the coast to the mountains and high desert.

This field guide is readily available online and in stores.

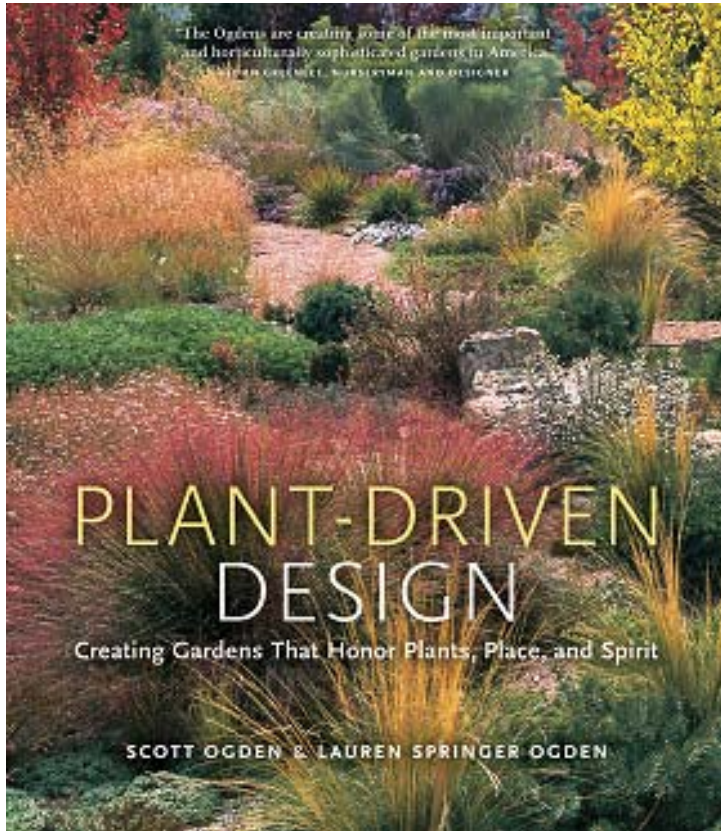
See the authors' website at <http://www.pnwflowers.com/>



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Rose Hips and Great Reads, continued

Plant-Driven Design: Creating Gardens That Honor Plants, Place and Spirit by Scott Ogden and Lauren Springer Ogden approaches creating a garden from the desired plants instead of drafting a design and finding plants to fit.



Their refreshing viewpoint is quaint and endearing. They dub Cottage Gardens "The Unselfconscious Garden."

Illustrated with strikingly beautiful photographs, the Ogdens words paint additional images, making the reader a part of the book.

Readily available at most book sellers.

Visit the authors' website at www.plantdrivendesign.com/



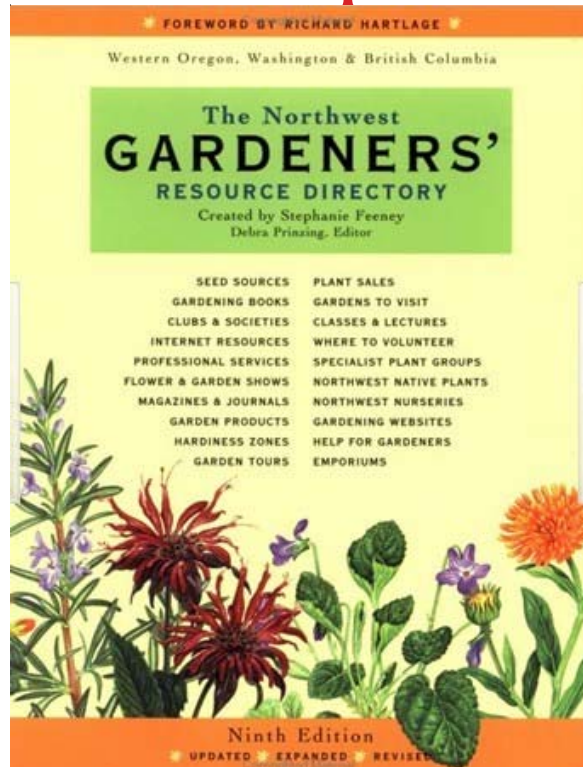
Nootka Rose
(*Rosa nutkana*)

Photo by JoAnn Onstott



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Rose Hips and Great Reads, continued



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For Stephanie Feeney, *The Northwest Gardeners' Resource Directory* was a labor of love for over 15 years. Sadly, Feeney passed away this year, yet her amazing contribution to the gardening world lives on in this new edition completely updated by Debra Prinzing.

Serious Northwest gardeners know that this is the definitive sourcebook for anyone obsessed with gardening and all its pleasures. And this 9th edition has a major new feature: website addresses.

As always, the directory makes it a snap to find nurseries (complete with addresses, hours, driving directions, and full descriptions); international, national, and regional clubs and organizations for every conceivable horticultural

interest; reviews of books and magazines; mail-order sources; and much more.

A portion of proceeds from the sale of this book will be donated to the Whatcom Hospice Foundation in memory of Stephanie Feeney.



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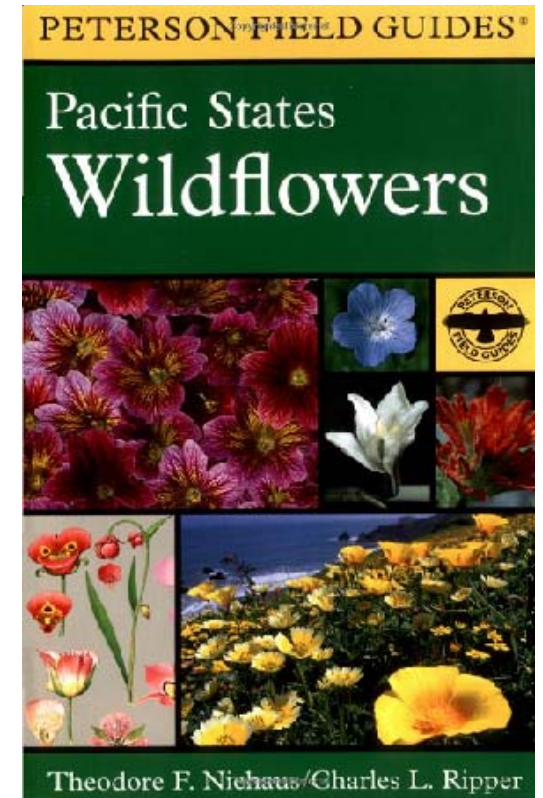


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Peterson Field Guides have traveled the world, climbed mountains, walked through the woods and sailed the seas. There are guides for most things natural. The first was published in 1934.

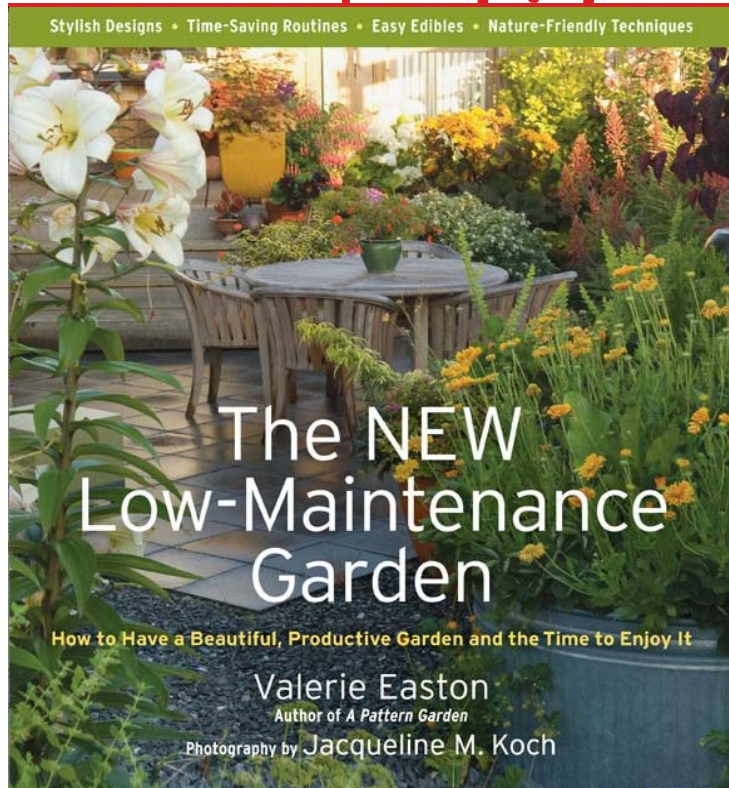
This one is the *Field Guide to Pacific States Wildflowers: Washington, Oregon, California and adjacent areas*.

Peterson's guides are readily available.



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Rose Hips and Great Reads, continued



The New Low-Maintenance Garden: How to Have a Beautiful, Productive Garden and the Time to Enjoy It, by Valerie Easton. This book doesn't just tell you how to garden a whole new way—it shows you, through profiles and beautiful photographs of real gardens that embody low-maintenance techniques.

The pressures of life are not likely to ease up anytime soon, but the lessons of this timely book will help you banish guilt over undone garden chores and revel in your garden successes.

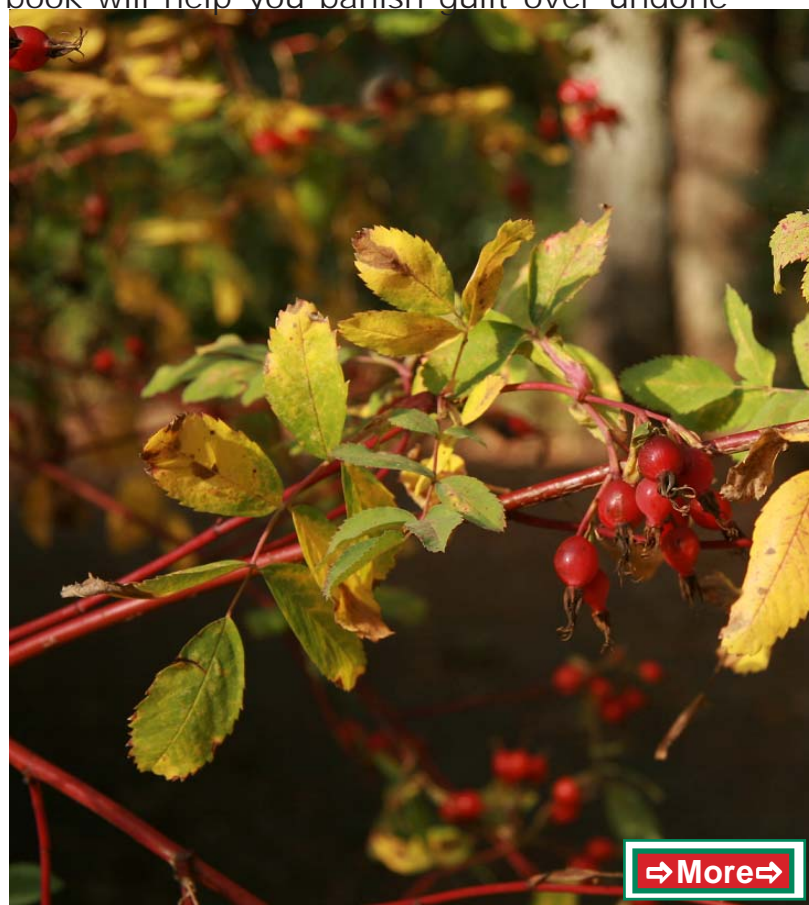
"Keep it simple" is the mantra of Easton, a garden columnist for Pacific Northwest Magazine (of The Seattle Times). In keeping with today's lifestyles and

gardening trends, she explains how to design a good-looking garden of ornamental and edible plants with minimal maintenance in mind. The guide includes tips by innovative home gardeners, color photographs, resources, and the USDA plant hardiness zone map.



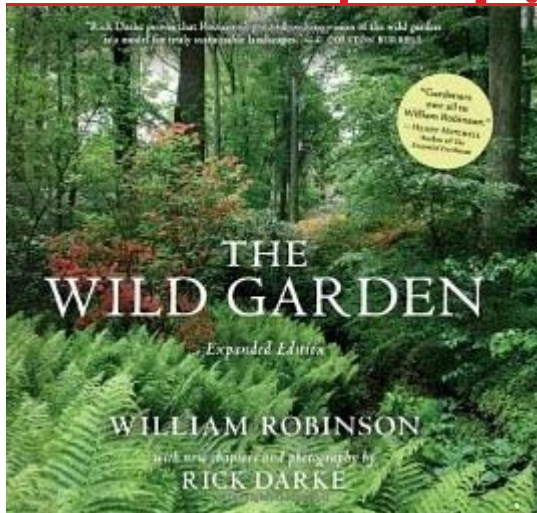
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Clustered Rose
(*Rosa pisocarpa*)
Photo by JoAnn Onstott



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Rose Hips and Great Reads, continued



The Wild Garden: Expanded Edition By William Robinson and Rick Darke with new chapters and photography by Rick Darke. Darke proves that Robinson's vision of the wild garden is a model for truly sustainable landscapes.

William Robinson's revolutionary book, *The Wild Garden*, envisioned an authentically naturalistic approach to gardening that is more vital today than ever before. First published in 1870, *The Wild Garden* evolved through many editions and remained in print through the remainder of the author's lifetime (1838–1935). In the book, Robinson issued a challenge to prevailing style of the day, which relied upon tender plants arranged in rigidly geometrical designs. In sharp contrast, Robinson advocated for the use of hardy, locally adapted native and exotic plants arranged according to local growing conditions. Robinson's vision was inspired by his first-hand observations of natural habitats in

Europe and North America, and he put his ideas into practice in his own garden at Gravetye Manor in West Sussex. *The Wild Garden* was ground-breaking and hugely influential in its day, and is stunningly relevant to twenty-first century gardeners and landscape stewards seeking to adopt sustainable design and management practices.

In addition to the complete original text and illustrations from the fifth edition of 1895, this expanded edition includes new chapters and 112 color photographs by award-winning photographer and landscape consultant Rick Darke. His new material places wild gardening in modern context, underscoring Robinson's importance in the evolution of ecological design and illustrating an inspiring diversity of contemporary wild gardens.



As will be immediately clear to anyone who leafs through this book, Robinson's urgent message continues to resonate.

Photo by Jennifer Rehm



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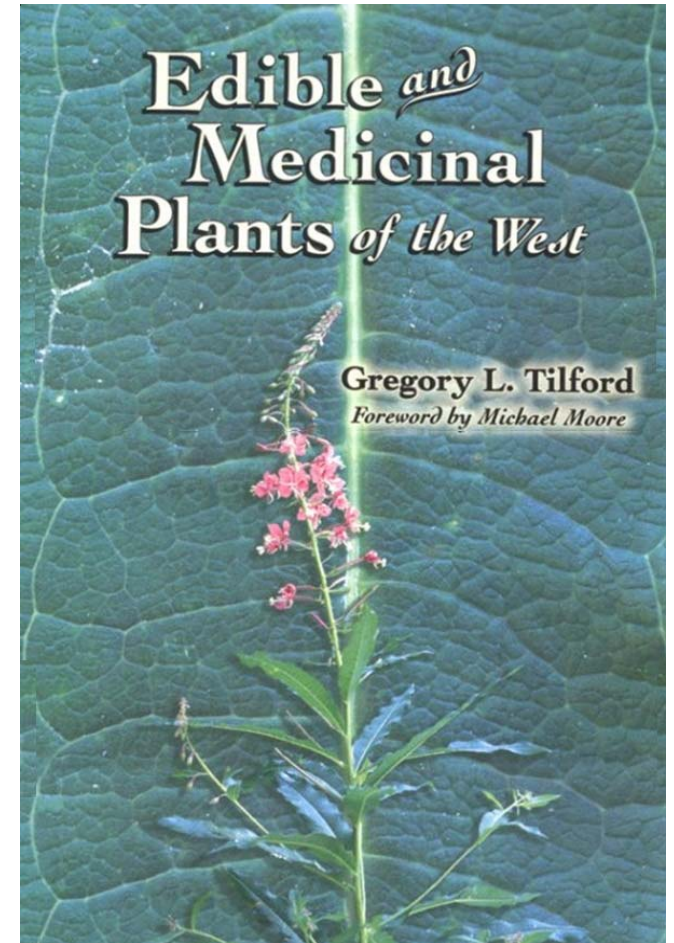
Rose Hips and Great Reads, continued

This book is a treasure trove of useful information and will prove indispensable to students of nature of all stripes. —Journal of the West

Tilford's *Edible and Medicinal Plants of the West* invites anyone interested in plants, personal well-being, and a healthy environment to discover the healing powers of the herbal world. Full-color photographs face detailed descriptions of 250 plant species in the western United States and Canada, covering field identification, habitat and range, edibility, medicinal uses, and more.



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Rose Hips and Great Reads, continued

Wayside Wildflowers of the Pacific Northwest



Dr. Dee Strickler's *Wayside Wildflowers of the Pacific Northwest* is a floral delight. A colorful guide to the Northwest's most stunning plants, this book helps hikers, cyclists, and motorists identify nearly 400 flower species found along the trails and roadways of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and southwestern Canada.

With notes on habitat, range, and plant features and an outstanding glossary of botanical terms, the book is an essential reference work for flower enthusiasts and professional botanists. Like Dr. Strickler's three earlier guides to the showy wildflowers of the northern Rockies, this volume features extraordinary sharp and vibrant full-color photographs of each flower. In addition, it boasts a handy visual guide to flower shapes and colors, a map of the region, line drawings, and an informative introduction.

For any nature-lover who has asked, "What flower is that?" *Wayside Wildflowers of the Pacific Northwest* holds the answer.

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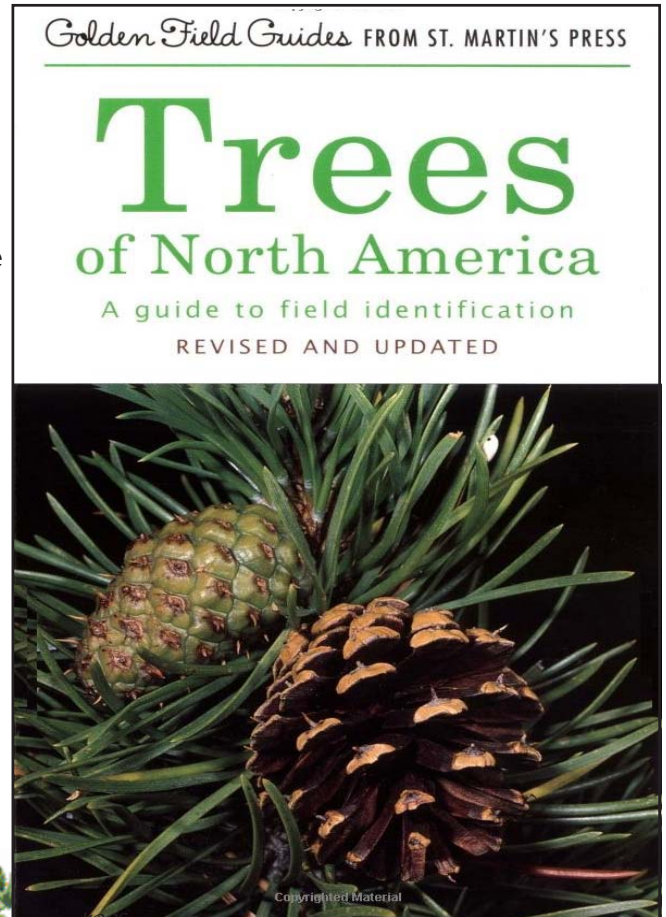
Rose Hips and Great Reads, continued

Remember reading Liffle Golden Books when we were kids? Well, they also publish Golden Field Guides.

Trees of North America would be my first choice. I can usually identify perennials, shrubs and vines, but trees leave me "stumped." The Golden field guides are highly acclaimed for their details of each species, allowing even the most challenged to sort out the jumble of trees--even those in the

same family with many similar characteristics.

A good choice for gardeners, hikers and nature photographers.



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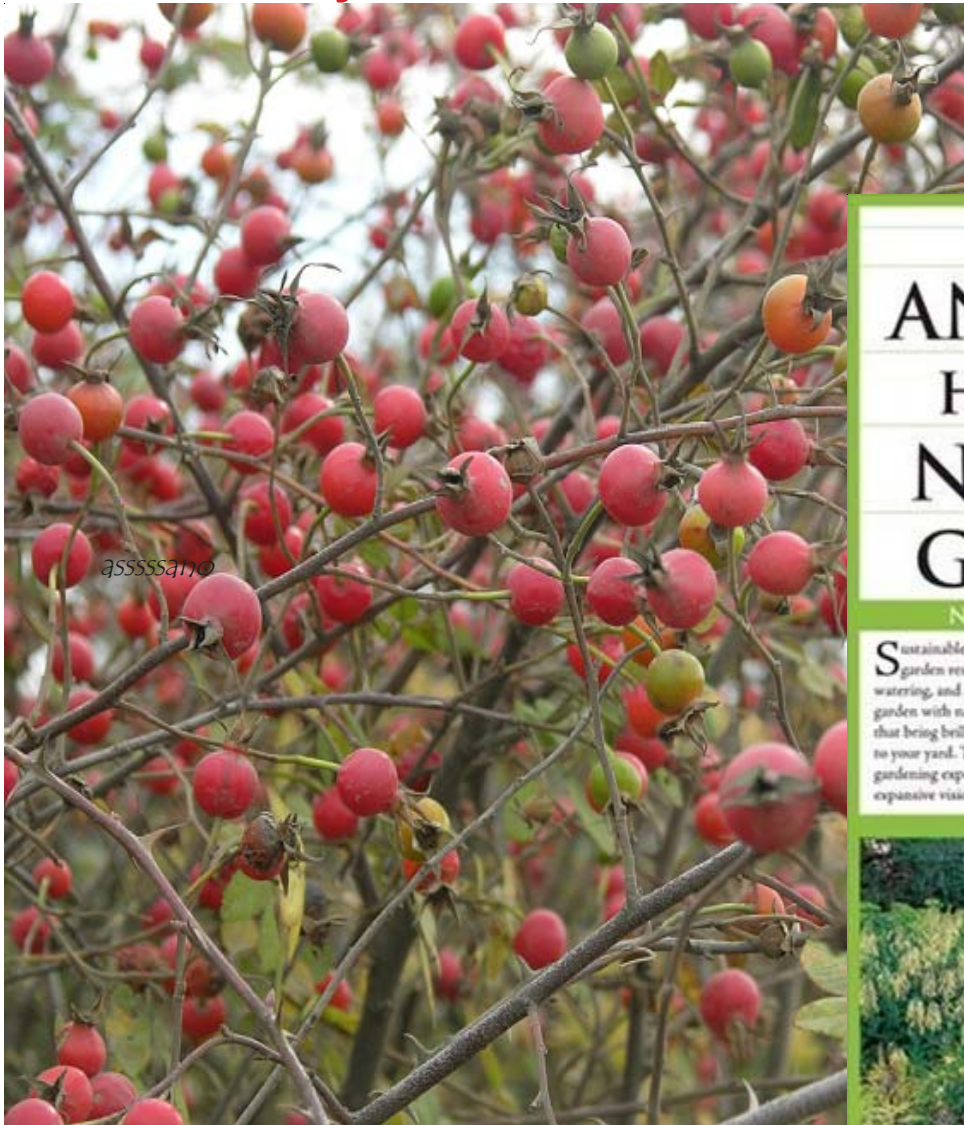
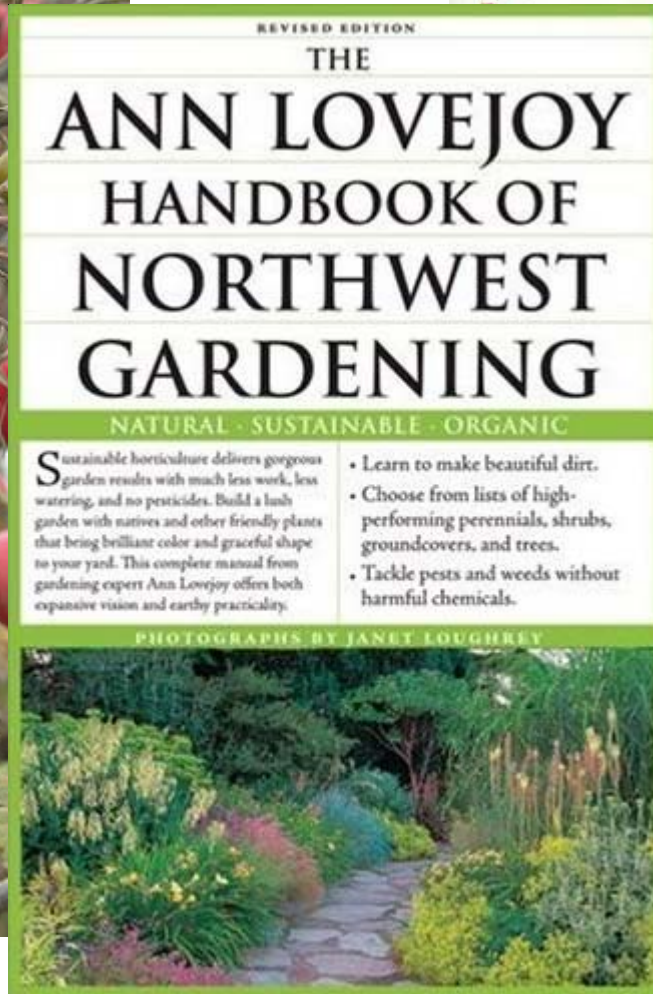
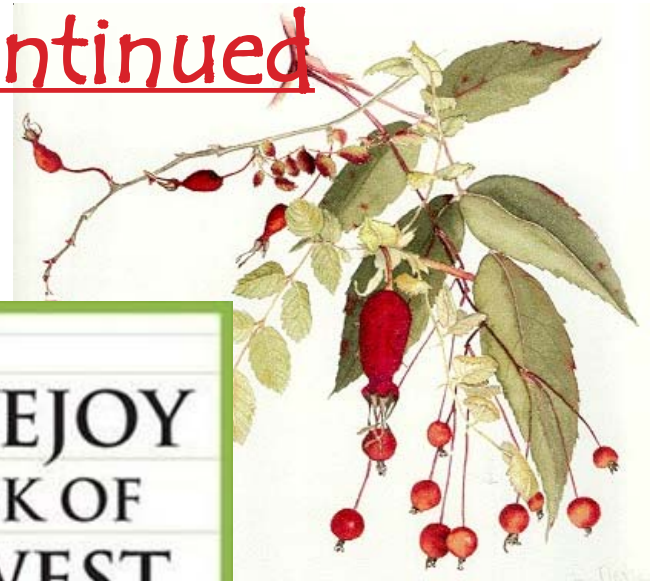


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Lyn Noble



The Ann Lovejoy Handbook of Northwest Gardening is another "must have" for the gardening bookshelf. Ann Lovejoy has 34 books and calendars out now. She's been enchanting northwest gardeners for many years. Every gardener's library should have at least one of her books.



This & That

Notes from Jennifer

Instead of my usual blather, this month I offer a poem from Maya Angelou, a woman who has shared her gift of words and helped us all become a little better than we were before hearing her voice.

Amazing Peace: A Christmas Poem

By Maya Angelou

Thunder rumbles in the mountain passes
And lightning rattles the eaves of our houses.
Flood waters await us in our avenues.

Snow falls upon snow, falls upon snow to avalanche
Over unprotected villages.
The sky slips low and grey and threatening.

We question ourselves.
What have we done to so affront nature?
We worry God.
Are you there? Are you there really?
Does the covenant you made with us still hold?

Into this climate of fear and apprehension, Christmas enters,
Streaming lights of joy, ringing bells of hope
And singing carols of forgiveness high up in the bright air.
The world is encouraged to come away from rancor,
Come the way of friendship.

It is the Glad Season.
Thunder ebbs to silence and lightning sleeps quietly in the corner.
Flood waters recede into memory.
Snow becomes a yielding cushion to aid us
As we make our way to higher ground.

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This & That, continued

Hope is born again in the faces of children
It rides on the shoulders of our aged as they walk into their sunsets.
Hope spreads around the earth. Brightening all things,
Even hate which crouches breeding in dark corridors.

In our joy, we think we hear a whisper.
At first it is too soft. Then only half heard.
We listen carefully as it gathers strength.
We hear a sweetness.
The word is Peace.
It is loud now. It is louder.
Louder than the explosion of bombs.

We tremble at the sound. We are thrilled by its presence.
It is what we have hungered for.
Not just the absence of war. But, true Peace.
A harmony of spirit, a comfort of courtesies.
Security for our beloveds and their beloveds.

We clap hands and welcome the Peace of Christmas.
We beckon this good season to wait a while with us.
We, Baptist and Buddhist, Methodist and Muslim, say come.
Peace.

Come and fill us and our world with your majesty.
We, the Jew and the Jainist, the Catholic and the Confucian,
implore you to stay awhile with us
so we may learn by your shimmering light
how to look beyond complexion and see community.

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This & That, continued

It is Christmas time, a halting of hate time.
On this platform of peace, we can create a language
to translate ourselves to ourselves and to each other.
At this Holy Instant, we celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ

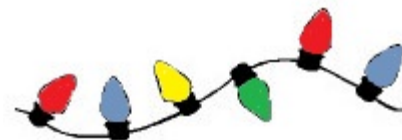
Into the great religions of the world.
We jubilate the precious advent of trust.
We shout with glorious tongues the coming of hope.
All the earth's tribes loosen their voices to celebrate the promise of
Peace.

We, Angels and Mortals, Believers and Nonbelievers,
Look heavenward and speak the word aloud.
Peace.

We look at our world and speak the word aloud.
Peace.

We look at each other, then into ourselves,
And we say without shyness or apology or hesitation:

Peace, My Brother.
Peace, My Sister.
Peace, My Soul



Happy Holidays, everyone!

Jennifer



Useful Native Plant Resources on the Web

Here is a good collection of web data bases and other gardening topics that will be useful to professional growers and all native plant gardeners. This list began from a flyer Lawyer Nursery published in 2002 grew from there.

American Bonsai Society

The bonsai organization for North America, including Mexico, the United States, and Canada.

www.absbonsai.org/

Birdchick

Hundreds of photos of birds, bees, butterflies and other friendlies. Sharon Stiteler shares the joys of birding as well as insights on rabbits.

www.birdchick.com/

CalPhotos

Over 33,000 plant images from the University of California, Berkley www.elib.cs.berkeley.edu/photos/

Cornell University online grafting course

From the Dept. of Floriculture and Ornamental Horticulture College of Agriculture & Life Sciences at Cornell U. Kenneth W. Mudge, Assoc. Professor of Horticulture

www.instruct1.cit.cornell.edu/courses/hort494/graftage/hort494.index.html

E-Flora BC: Electronic Atlas of the Plants of British Columbia

Beautiful site, volunteer-driven. "A comprehensive picture of the plant and fungal biodiversity of British Columbia." Many thanks to Mary Sanseverino for suggesting this site be included in our list of botanical web resources. (See her photos on Flickr and her website at www.webhome.csc.uvic.ca/~msanseve/)

www.geog.ubc.ca/biodiversity/eflora/

Fire effects on plant species

USDA, Forest Service site summarizes and synthesizes research about living organisms in the United States—their biology, ecology, and relationship to fire.

www.fs.fed.us/database/feis/



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Useful Native Plant Resources, continued

Flora of North America Web Site

Taxonomic relationships, distributions, morphological characteristics of all plants native and naturalized found in North America.

www.fna.org

Forest Types of the United States

Maps of the most common forest types.

www.forestry.about.com/library/tree/bltypdex.htm

Growit.com Rooting Database

"Extensive information on rooting cuttings of woody plants, organized by botanical name. Developed for commercial growers."

www.growit.com/Know/Rooting.htm

Julie's Backyard Journal

Blog by insightful gardener

www.backyardjournal.wordpress.com/

ModernBackyard

Landscape architecture provides exceptional, affordable landscape design online.

www.modernbackyard.com

The Native Plant Network

www.nativeplants.for.uidaho.edu/network/

Northwest Plants Database System

From Washington State University and WSU Clark County Extension PNW Plants, this database has 481 categorized plants and 1458 images.

www.pnwplants.wsu.edu

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www.oregon.gov/ODA/PLANT/WEEDS/statelist2.shtml

Oregon Invasive Species Council

Invasive list, how to report invasives

www.oregon.gov/OISC/



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Useful Native Plant Resources, continued

Portland Bureau of Environmental Services

Information about caring for our earth. Download their Native Plant Poster, plant list and brochure on removing invasive plants.

www.portlandonline.com/bes/index.cfm?c=29323

River Corridor and Wetland Restoration

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) site

www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/restore/

Soil Science Society of America

Website for soil science professionals. Offers information and links.

www.soils.org/

Starflower Foundation

Founded in 1996 by Ann Lennart to assist with creation, rehabilitation, and stewardship of Pacific Northwest native plant communities.

www.wnps.org/landscaping/herbarium/#starflower

USDA PLANTS Database

Searchable for common or botanical name, shows origin, range and status

www.plants.usda.gov/

Washington Native Plant Society

Appreciate, conserve and study our native plants and habitats

www.wnps.org

Wildflower Trails of the San Francisco Bay Area

Excellent photography and trail guides.

www.westernwildflower.com/

Woody Plant Seed Manual

Manual by the US Forest Service covering seed biology, genetic improvement of forest trees, seed testing, certification of tree seeds and other woody plant materials, and nursery practices.

www.nsl.fs.fed.us/wpsm/



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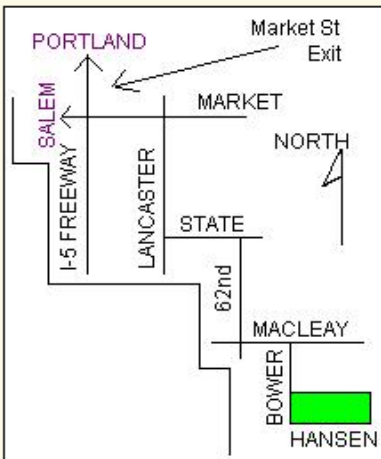
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