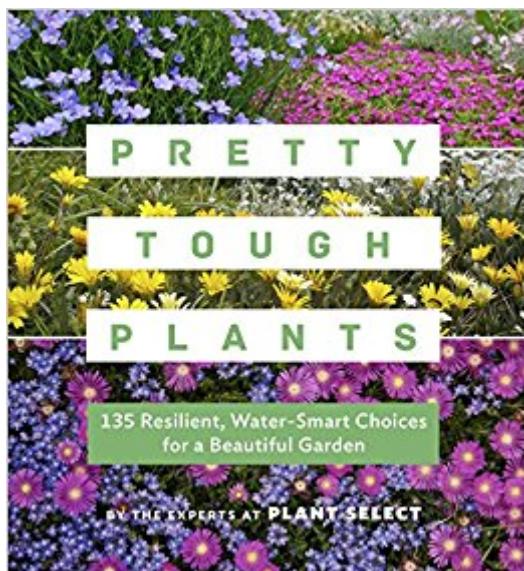


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# Pretty Tough Plants: 135 Resilient, Water-Smart Choices For A Beautiful Garden



## Synopsis

Tough-but-beautiful plant picks There's a growing demand for dependably hardy plants that require less maintenance and less water, but look no less beautiful in the garden. Plant Select—the leading purveyor of plants designed to thrive in difficult climates—meets this need by promoting plants that allow gardeners everywhere to have stunning, environmentally-friendly gardens that use fewer resources. *Pretty Tough Plants* highlights 135 of Plant Select's top plant picks. Each profile features a color photograph and specific details about the plant's size, best features, and bloom season, along with cultural needs, landscape features, and design ideas. The plant list includes perennials and annuals, groundcovers, grasses, shrubs, and trees. A chart at the end of the book makes it easy to choose the right plants for specific conditions and needs.

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"This gorgeous, information-packed book showcases many great plants that lead to more regionally attuned, environmentally intelligent, and uniquely lovely gardens."

Lauren Springer Ogden, plantswoman, designer, author  
"This book is like a crystal ball that reveals how we can all create gorgeous, low-water gardens."

Panayoti Kelaidis, director of outreach at Denver Botanic Gardens  
"An excellent book whose specific American context also provides clues to future British planting as our climate changes."  
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passionate plant people.Ã¢â€•Ã¢â€“â€•Denver Botanic Gardens Ã¢â€“Ã“Anyone looking for drought-tolerant, beautiful plants will appreciate this book. . . . This is a must-have book for anyone making a garden in the intermountain west and other dry areas.Ã¢â€•Ã¢â€“â€•The American Gardener Ã¢â€“Ã“There are plenty of resources out there that help you find these kinds of plants, but the information is scattered all over the place. That's why I was excited about Pretty Tough Plants. . . . Each plant has its own page (sometimes two), complete with stats like size, flower color and bloom season, preferred position (sun/shade), water requirements, and the kinds of pollinators it attracts. Subsections on "Culture," "Landscape Use," and "Native Range and Origins" provide a concise description of the plant.Ã¢â€•Ã¢â€“â€•Succulents and MoreÃ¢â€“Ã“Pretty yet powerful. . . . Make your garden thrive no matter the weather.Ã¢â€•Ã¢â€“â€•Birds & BloomsÃ¢â€“Ã“With each page I turn it is a Ã¢â€“Ãœyes,Ã¢â€“â„¢ and another Ã¢â€“ÃœYES.Ã¢â€“â„¢ This is the guidance I need.Ã¢â€•Ã¢â€“â€•The Bend Bulletin Ã¢â€“Ã“

Plant smarter! Gardeners face a daunting array of challenges: erratic weather, limited water, and difficult cult soils, among others. Many garden plants can't cope with these conditions. But there's help at hand: the experts at Plant Select have tested thousands of plants to evaluate their durability and beauty, and present the top choices in this informative, lavishly illustrated guide. Whether you need a drought-tolerant tree, a long-blooming perennial that survives harsh winters, or a graceful ornamental grass that shrugs off summer heat, you'll find it here. Ã¢â€“Ã“

Many gardeners, especially ones in the Denver and Rocky Mountain Region have been anxiously awaiting the arrival of Pretty Tough Plants by the experts at Plant Select. The wait is over and the book is more than exceptional. It is a well-written, garden friendly handbook on must have perennials, trees, shrubs, groundcovers, a handful of annuals and smaller ÃƒÃ¢â€“Ã“petiteÃƒÃ¢â€“Ã“ plants for small to any size garden. The basic who/what/where is easy to followÃƒÃ¢â€“Ã“size, type of flowers, season of flower and best features. I especially like the plant photos, plus the growing culture information and the best places or landscape styles the plants will perform. The plant reference guide (which includes deer resistance and pollinator friendly) in the back of the book is a very helpful resource. It's the perfect size to read or admire on a coffee table. Thank you Plant Select for these wonderful plants and an outstanding book!

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My day job is teaching homeowners how to landscape for the arid Intermountain West. Pretty Tough Plants offers up a wide range of plant choices which are less commonly used in this area than they should be. Many of the plants in the book are found in my own yard as well as the conservation-based garden where I work. I would recommend this book for homeowners who are tired of babying plants that don't quite fit our environment. The plants shared are tried and tested in numerous gardens here in the west and help ensure landscape success for homeowners. A copy of this book was donated to the library for our botanical garden but I liked it well enough to purchase my own copy as well.

I live in Denver and it's as if this book was written for me and my fellow home owners! Written by the experts at Plant Select (a not-for-profit organization started in the 1980s as a collaboration between Denver Botanic Gardens and Colorado State University in Fort Collins), this book is a must-have companion for those of us in the Mountain West that would like to conserve water, beautify our spaces and have time on the weekends to enjoy the mountains we so love instead of mowing, weeding and working a part-time job to pay our lawn-watering bill. I have purchased or borrowed numerous books that I thought would be good information on Xeric landscaping here in Denver. This one is the single-most helpful. It has all the information I need. I have a library copy of this book in my hands now. It is so darn good I'm going to purchase this from . Truly a great companion. Note: many of the suggested plants in the book come from one or two sources (specifically, High Country Gardens out of Santa Fe). It can feel a bit like an advertisement for them. But, I can live with that. These plants are absolutely amazing (my favorite being the Blonde Ambition blue grama grass).

One or two glossy pages per plant with great pictures of each. All the information you need is here: bloom time; soil type; USDA hardiness zone; light and water requirements; and whether the plant attracts pollinators or is deer-resistant. A table in the back of the book neatly summarizes all these characteristics. Highly recommended for novice and experienced gardeners alike.

I am a Plant Select lover. I bought my first variety (sunset hyssop) around 1998 and have searched out and planted these varieties ever since. At first I didn't think the book would be useful to me since I am so familiar with these plants. I have several of the pamphlets they publish but with this book, everything is one place. There is new information on most and even how to propagate many of

them. The photos are great. If you live where I do in the dryer regions it is a great wish book to help you dream about what and where to plant next. I highly recommend it.

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