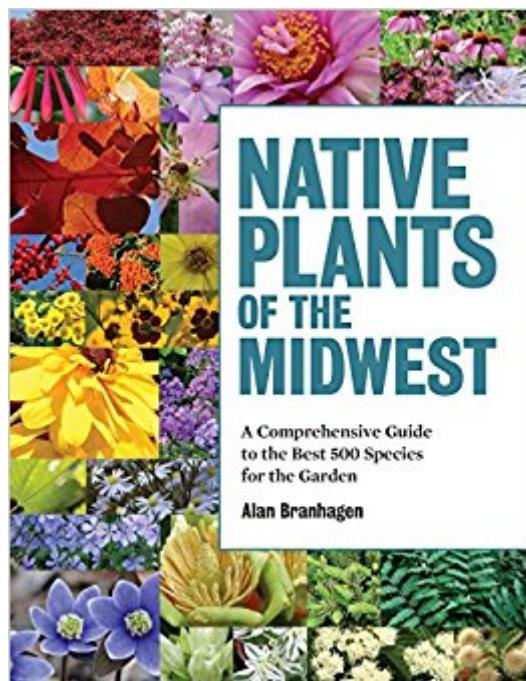


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# Native Plants Of The Midwest: A Comprehensive Guide To The Best 500 Species For The Garden



## Synopsis

Native Plants of the Midwest, by regional plant expert Alan Branhagan, features the best native plants in the heartland and offers clear and concise guidance on how to use them in the garden. Plant profiles for more than 500 species of trees, shrubs, vines, perennials, ground covers, bulbs, and annuals contain the common and botanical names, growing information, tips on using the plant in a landscape, and advice on related plants. You'll learn how to select the right plant and how to design with native plants. Helpful lists of plants for specific purposes are shared throughout. This comprehensive book is for native plant enthusiasts and home gardeners in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, northern Arkansas, and eastern Kansas. A

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photographs in this volume provide an excellent way for readers to browse and become inspired by the beauty of native Midwest plants. . . . Gardeners wishing to learn more about native Midwest plants from an experienced professional will appreciate the blending of growing recommendations along with the author’s personal experiences using each plant.

• Library Journal “Save time, money, and perhaps the most valuable natural resource.” • water by going native in your green space. Native Plants of the Midwest features the best native plants in the heartland and offers clear and concise guidance on how to use them in the garden. . . . This comprehensive book is perfect for both plant enthusiasts and home gardeners looking to reap the benefits of a native garden.

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Create a garden that reflects the unique beauty of the Midwest. Native Plants of the Midwest shows you the best native plants and how to use them in your garden. This invaluable resource includes 500 species of trees, shrubs, vines, perennials, groundcovers, bulbs, and annuals. Plants that attract native bees, butterflies, birds, and other beneficial wildlife. Practical cultivation tips for adding natives to your garden.

**My New Favorite Resource**

Over the last three years, I’ve been adding native plants to my garden. I’ve read lots of books with mixed results: many seem to expect the garden to be very large and don’t give the kind of information I was looking for. This book fills those needs and more! Each plant description gives helpful details such as growth pattern (aggressive, clumping), light or heavy reseeding, soil type, even specific pollinator details - not every time, but often enough to help me determine which species would work in a particular situation. Although there are no charts for each habitat, the information is in the text, and I’ve been able to come up with my own lists for prairie, savanna and woodland. This will enable me to come up with plant communities that suit specific areas of my garden. The author writes as from a gardener’s perspective as well as an educator, and his insights are very helpful. One other tool I’ve been using is the Biota of North America website. I

can pinpoint the plant's range down to my county and those surrounding. Using this book and the website will help me make the best combination of natives for my local pollinators.

A great book with the best information on plants in my home area that I have found.

The best and most informative book I have read on the subject of native plants. Readable and usable. Inspiring!

Great

This book is a wonderful resource and the pictures are AMAZING! This would make a perfect gift for any native plant lovers on your Christmas list.

an excellent resource for anyone wanting to learn which plants and trees are the best for providing wildlife habitat

A most excellent book...needs to be on everyone's bookshelf interested in native plants!

I ordered this book in advance and was very excited about its publication. I am terribly disappointed. I wanted the pictures to be more helpful - I even hoped that it might have several pictures from seedling to flowering. Perhaps I was expecting too much. I was looking for more of a Lady Bird Johnson website in print. I am still pouring over the book and may modify my evaluation if I find other parts more satisfying.

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