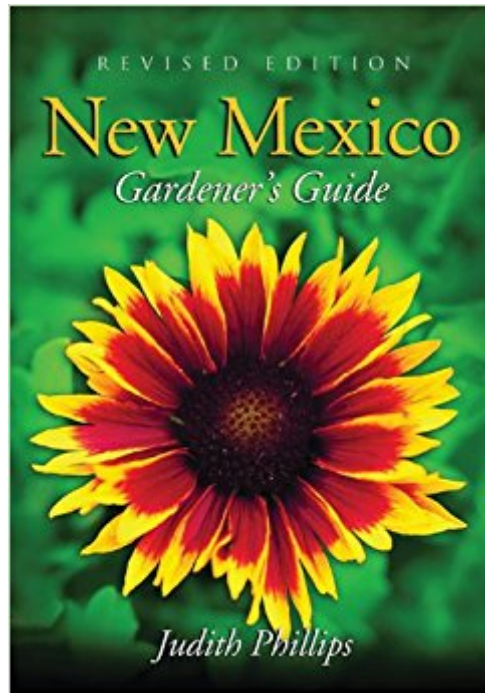




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# New Mexico Gardener's Guide (Gardener's Guides)



## Synopsis

Gardening is now the favorite leisure pastime in America. Homeowners are realizing the health benefits derived from gardening and the increase in their home's property value. This book contains easy-to-use advice on the top landscape plant choices. It also recommends specific varieties, and provides advice on how to plant, how to grow and how to care for the best plants.

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## Customer Reviews

Judith Phillips is a landscape designer, garden writer, and teacher with 35 years experience designing gardens in the high desert. She loves working with native and xeric plants because they are beautiful, conserve water, and support wildlife. Her design projects have included more than a thousand home gardens in New Mexico, Colorado, and Arizona, as well as a healing garden at a local hospital and habitat gardens at two national wildlife refuges. In addition to writing two editions of New Mexico Gardener's Guide and collaborating on Water-Wise Plants for the Southwest for Cool Springs Press, Phillips is the author of Southwestern Landscaping with Native Plants, Revised Edition; Natural by Design; and Plants for Natural Gardens. She has written numerous magazine articles, water conservation essays, and educational brochures. Phillips teaches an arid-adapted plants class in the landscape architecture master's degree program at the University of New Mexico.

After seven years in NM as a small-scale weekend gardener, I finally discovered this book in the

wake of a number of others--and I realized that all of my frustrations were the result of clear, easily-fixed mistakes I'd been making. Phillips is not a native-plant purist, but she emphasizes the beauty, range, and diversity of NM species; more to the point, she has multiple approaches for every gardening aesthetic/ NM region/ experience level. She tells you specifically and in easy-to-follow detail when, where and how to plant and care for what actually will not just grow but flourish here. Instead of preaching about ethical high-desert water use (which I'm all for, in any case) she makes it clear that planting carefully, with an eye towards conservation, saves you time and money as well. Her approach is helping me slowly to create an amazingly low-maintenance urban bower, what I've longed for ever since I moved here from the Northeast. This book is worth its weight in gold.

Being a newbie in NM, and having no idea what plants work here, this book has been very helpful. I read it pretty much cover to cover, and appreciate all the info provided for each plant, including great photos! It will definitely help me to plant my Rio Rancho, NM landscape.

If it had been titled "New Mexico Flower, Shrub and Tree Gardener's Guide" I would have given it a higher rating. If you are looking for a book to help with your kitchen garden, this is not it.

I've almost worn this book out this past spring/summer. I've found it to be an excellent reference as I landscape high mesa caliche in Northern New Mexico. Easy to read, great photos and plant-specific recommendations for watering, soil amendments, companion plantings. I find myself picking up this book constantly as I plant and plan for future plantings. Highly recommend!

Great book. I thought I'd end up using it more, but instead I've been doing trial and error with lowes and using the cards that come with plants. I feel it gave me more versatility than the book.

If you only own one New Mexico gardening book, this is it. Judith Phillips is the leading expert for NM plants. She's a nursery grower, landscape designer, author, lecturer and teaches at UNM. This book is great for xeric gardening but also helpful for any NM landscaping. I never go to the nursery without my copy. Her info is very accurate, provides lots of details regarding selection, varieties, planting, care, and tips. I have done gardening with native plants since 1988. I own lots of books on the subject, including other excellent ones by Judith Phillips. This is the best. Concise and packed with useful info and photos.

Awesome garden guide as I am new to NM.

Never appreciated just how little I knew about gardening in the Southwest. This book is a gem!

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