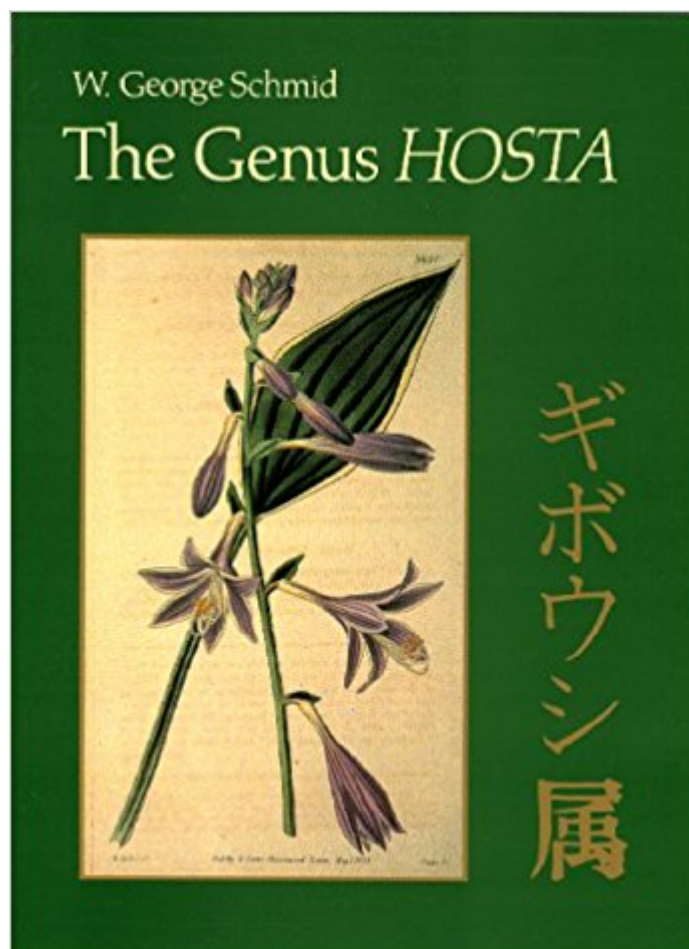


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# The Genus Hosta



## Synopsis

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This came today and I'm thrilled to have it. Susy did a workshop on identifying "mystery hostas" that recommended this as a resource, and it is simply wonderful to have such an information source when trying to sort out all my hostas. I have the names, but many labels have gone missing over the years; but using careful observation for year or two and Susy's worksheet, and this, and a few other books, they will likely get identified now. What a marvelous accomplishment George Schmid has given us. Fortunately there are some wonderful hostaphiles following in his footsteps.

Well once again I must admit, that the big seller for me on this was the Publisher. Timber Press, hands down is the source for Horticultural related materials. Having recently moved, and wanting to start a new Hosta garden, I chose to search out the Hosta species and their cultivars. With little to no success that is, until I found this book. And going through the list of almost every Hosta on the market was shocked, surprised and delighted to find in depth information on all species cultivars and hybrids listed in alphabetical order. Plants I had known for years now were on the table and the list gets longer by the day. BUY THIS BOOK IF YOU LIKE HOSTA!!!

Excellent service! Wonderful old book. Just as promised.

This included everything I needed to understand the genus HOSTA and to better understand the science of the plant world. Thank you

A book for the serious lover of Hosta. Excellent reference - Good information on taxonomy and nomenclature. I was most pleased with the Historical Account of the Genus Hosta.

W. George Schmid, recipient of the 1996 Alex J. Summers Distinguished Merit Award--the highest honor of the American Hosta Society, has compiled a comprehensive and instructive reference for Hosta. He explains in photographs (incl. 208 in color) and words more information than available in any other source for these marvelous and increasingly popular shade plants--The #1 selling perennial in the USA. I believe I own all the books published on Hosta, and this is incomparable--better than all the others combined. Species and cultivars are listed alphabetically with detailed information. Make it your first choice. Our nursery specializes in Hostas, including being the exclusive source for George Schmid's new introductions, so I am very familiar with this topic

Yes this is the first resource and most important one for hostas. It is a bit dated but the vast majority of the information will always be relevant. Also he was certainly ahead of his time, on many topics, Many of his arguments are just becoming relevant today. A case in point, he nailed the hottest topic in hosta-ville today cold way back in 1990, Hosta virus X or HVX, well before it even had a name or was thought of as a virus. This book plus a couple newer ones is all you need to be up and running with the best of them, and then some, because ha, most of them are too lazy to read. No, I did not say that, did I?? As to reading level, well it is grade 17 so a good dictionary is needed. I wish someone would tell me how to get that "The Virginia" off it's ridiculous.

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