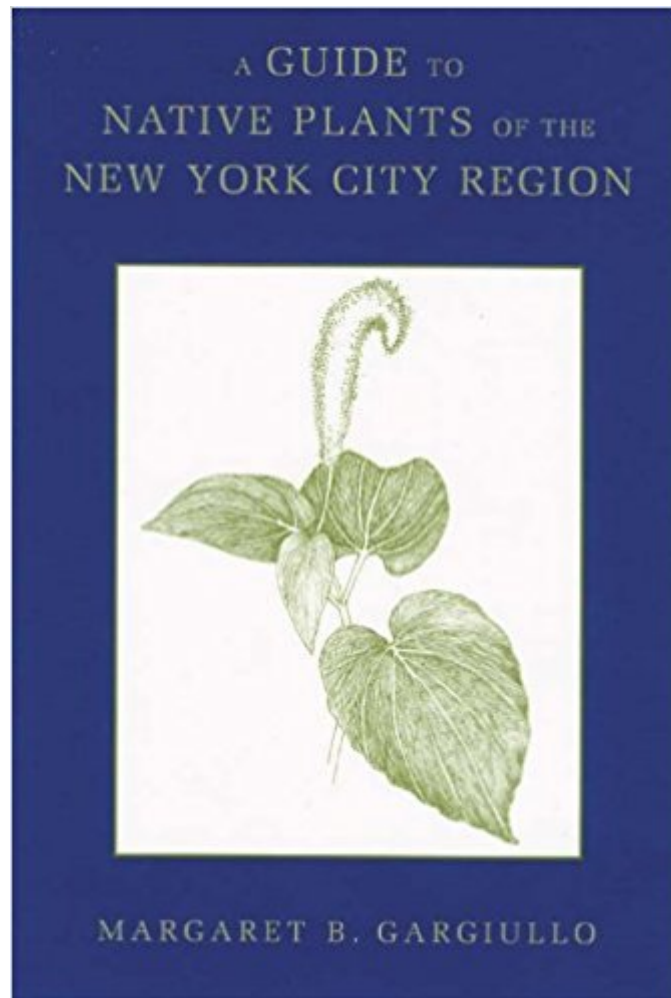




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A Guide To Native Plants Of The New York City Region



Synopsis

It is no secret that with each new office park, strip mall, and housing development that slices through the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut landscape, more and more indigenous plant habitats are being destroyed. Concrete, after all, is not a friendly neighbor to vegetative life. Less common wisdom, however, holds that plants native to this region have been disappearing rapidly for a variety of reasons, and some of the causes can be avoided, even as construction projects continue to move in. One of the most serious threats to indigenous plants is the introduction of invasive non-native species by landscapers after new developments are built. In this unique guide, ecologist Margaret B. Gargiullo presents a detailed look at the full scope of flora that is native to this region and available for propagation. Geared specifically for landscape architects, designers, land managers, and restorationists, this book offers practical advice on how to increase the amount of indigenous flora growing in the metropolitan area, and in some cases, to reintroduce plants that have completely disappeared. More than one hundred line drawings of plants and their specific habitats, ranging from forests to beaches, help readers visualize the full potential for landscaping in the area. A separate entry for each plant also provides detailed information on size, flower color, blooming time, and its possible uses in wetland mitigation, erosion control, and natural area restoration. Some plants are also highlighted for their ability to thrive in areas that are typically considered inhospitable to greenery. Easily searchable by plant type or habitat, this guide is an essential reference for everyone concerned with the region's natural plant life. Since most of the plants can also be grown well beyond the New York City metropolitan area, this book will also be useful for project managers doing restoration work in most of southern New England and the mid-Atlantic region, including Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland.

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"This is an indispensable reference... Highly recommended." - Choice "At last! Gargiullo has developed a guide specific to native plants in the New York City region that not only will be useful to master gardeners and professionals in landscape architecture, horticulture, and urban forestry, but also scientists in the fields of botany and ecology. At a time when many of our native plant species in the region are endangered by the loss of habitat and competition from invasive species, this book is a welcome reference for those who endeavor to protect them!" - Richard V. Pouyat, U.S. Forest Service "Dr. Marge Gargiullo spent more than ten years as a plant ecologist with the New York City Parks Department's acclaimed Natural Resources Group. There are real, negative impacts of nonnative invasive species in our city and increasingly around the world. This guide to native plants and their suitability for the range of local settings in the metropolitan area will be a valuable tool for both practitioners and students." - Adrian Benepe, commissioner, New York City Department of Parks and Recreation "A Guide to Native Plants of the New York City Region provides a wealth of practical information for landscape architects, land managers, and others concerned with conserving and restoring our local flora." - Elizabeth Johnson, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History"

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This is the book I needed. I own several books on native plants and am familiar with some databases, but I have never found something that had just native plants for just the NYC region, rather than, say, all of New York State. It also has some good information on suitable conditions for the plants included. This book has inspired me to plant and transplant some species into my local

park, which has some very demanding conditions and many invasive non-native species, not all bad, but crowding out native species. It's a shame that this kind of information cannot be readily obtained for all regions of the US without regard to state and county boundaries and with more information on latitude, altitude, soil pH, light requirements, salinity tolerance, pests, height reached etc.

This was ordered as a gift for my husband. It is an easy read and guide and we use it constantly as we are planning our yard and home renovation with a landscape architect. We thought that lingonberries were only found in Nordic areas...it's ALSO A NATIVE PLANT OF NEW YORK!! So much learning!

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The opening 2-3 chapters are well written and fascinating. After that, it becomes a reference book which I suppose is the intent but it makes it impossible to read through (you start to lose it after your 40th native grass).

This book is intended for people interested in or implementing ecological restoration projects in the NYC region. It is a great resource for restoration practitioners from city agencies, private consultants, environmental engineers, landscape architects, or just private citizens looking to plant appropriate native plants in their backyard. NYC Parks Natural Resources Group uses this book heavily as a resource for restoration projects.

I bought this book from Koeltz Scientific Books in Germany. The title lured me into thinking, that the book might be an ordinary flora, enabling one to determine the plants of the mentioned region, or that it might be a book giving information of localities worthy of visiting when getting to New York. The book contained neither. It was a great disappointment to me. I found the book absolutely useless and threw it out, angry of having lost my money. Mogens T.

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