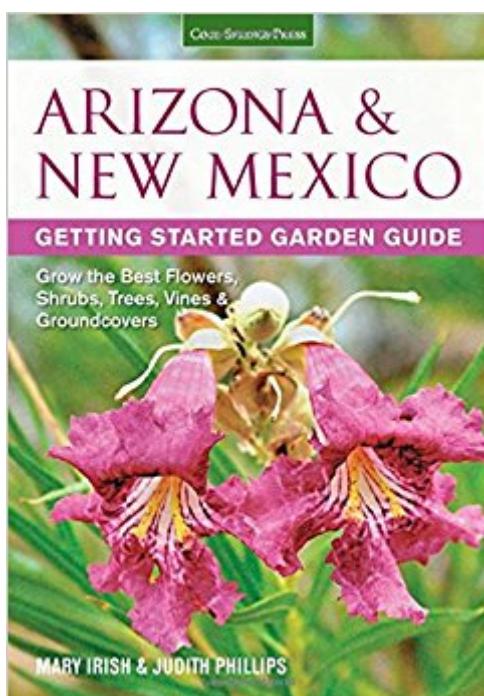


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# Arizona & New Mexico Getting Started Garden Guide: Grow The Best Flowers, Shrubs, Trees, Vines & Groundcovers (Garden Guides)



## Synopsis

Renowned Southwest gardening experts Mary Irish and Judith Phillips share their firsthand experiences with gardening in Arizona and New Mexico. The southwestern United States is home to some of the most beautiful landscapes and formations in the entire country. Alongside its famed attractions - the Grand Canyon, Rio Grande Gorge, and Havasu Falls among them - the region caters to a vast array of unique plant life, specially adapted to thrive in warm, dry climates as well as at high elevations. In *Arizona & New Mexico Getting Started Garden Guide*, authors and local gardening legends Mary Irish and Judith Phillips feature region-specific advice on planting, growing, and caring for more than 150 of the best-performing and most desirable plants across Arizona and New Mexico. Flowers and grasses, desert perennials and trees, shrubs and vines . . . this plant-by-plant guide includes useful information for the novice and the experienced gardener alike, paying special attention to low-water-use species that enjoy the specific climates of these two states. From the spectacular blooms of the claret-cup hedgehog to the puffballs of the Baja fairy duster, each plant is featured with full-color photography, detailed planting and care instructions, and recommendations for plants that can peacefully coexist with them. With an intuitive layout, pronunciation guides, a custom icon key for readily accessible plant facts, and color-coded USDA zone maps, *Arizona & New Mexico Getting Started Garden Guide* is the simplest, most foolproof plant manual for gardening everywhere from Carlsbad to Kingman.

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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. Mary Irish is a garden writer, lecturer and educator. She lived and worked in Arizona for 25 years before returning in 2012 to her native Texas, where she currently manages the plant sales program at the San Antonio Botanical Garden. She is a frequent contributor to national and regional publications, including *American Gardener* and *Nursery Management*, and has written several previous regional gardening guides for Cool Springs Press. She was also a contributor to Cool Springs' *Water-Wise Plants for the Southwest*. She and her husband Gary live in Castroville, Texas, a historic town in the South Texas plains.

A lot of information. Wish I had read this before I started a new garden. Suggestions for companion plants are very good. Helpful information about care for each plant. I was disappointed to find that Arizona Ash is missing completely from the book.

We just moved from IL to AZ and have no idea what, when, how to plant. This book is the perfect primer! I'm taking it to the local nurseries with post-it bookmarks so as to not look like a goof! It has been like moving to a different planet and learning the local fern and fauna has been exciting yet intimidating. This book will help newcomer and longtime resident alike.

Enjoyable Book to read.

Great book with a lot of concise information on the care of some of the very best plants to grow in a desert climate.

Nice ideas for a gardener friend who moved to Arizona.

Love this, it is teaching me to appreciate desert landscape

Excellent book. Good information for choosing and caring for plants. Some of the photographs did not help with plant id. Overall very good.

Fast shipping. Was a Xmas gift. Just what was needed.

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