



PLANT SELECTION BY JULIE WEISENHORN, HORTICULTURE EDUCATOR

Resources for plant information

** This list is not considered to be all-inclusive, but a starting point for plant and plant information searches -- jw*

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Extension Garden website <http://www.extension.umn.edu/yard-and-garden>

Diagnostic tools, how-to guides, plant information, tree care, pollinator planting and support, watering, lawns and landscapes, Master Gardener, wildlife in the garden, etc.

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

Plant Finder <https://arb.umn.edu/content/plant-finder>

Interactive search tool - Find and see specific plants, gardens, collections and more throughout the Arboretum's 1200+ acres.

Plant Elements of Design plant selection database <http://landscapeplants.extension.umn.edu/>

Select from over 2800 woody and herbaceous plants according to your site conditions and design goals for your landscape.

Minnesota Hardy <https://mnhardy.umn.edu/>

Details about University plant breeding programs and lists of varieties currently available.

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES & OTHER UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

US Department of Agriculture cold hardiness zone map <https://planthardiness.ars.usda.gov/>

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/nr/>

University of Wisconsin Extension Horticulture <https://hort.uwex.edu/>

University of North Dakota – Lawns, Gardens and Trees <https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/horticulture>

SEED AND PLANT SOURCES

Minnesota Grown <https://minnesotagrown.com/>

A statewide partnership between the MDA and Minnesota producers of specialty crops and livestock.

Created 30 years ago by growers to differentiate MN produce from produce grown 1000s of miles away.



MNDNR / Native plant suppliers (Updated June 2016)

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/gardens/nativeplants/suppliers.html>

Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association (MNLA)

Find a member / Find a certified professional <https://www.mnla.biz/>

Seed Savers <https://www.seedsavers.org/>

The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation <https://xerces.org/>

Plant lists by region and purpose for various invertebrates (bees, butterflies, etc.)

OTHER RESOURCES

ASPCA Toxic and Non-Toxic Plants for Pets <http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants>

Minnesota Wildflowers <https://www.minnesotawildflowers.info/>

National Tree Benefit Calculator <http://www.treebenefits.com/calculator/index.cfm>

BOOKS & ONLINE PUBLICATIONS

Capon, B. *Botany for Gardeners*, 3rd edition, Brian Capon, Portland, OR. 2012.

Planting Resources from the University of Minnesota Bee Lab <https://beelab.umn.edu/planting-resources>

Gordon, D., *Growing Fruit in the Upper Midwest*, University of Minnesota Press. 1997.

Heger, M. et al., *Growing Perennials in Cold Climates*, University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, MN. 1998, 2011.

Henderson, C., *Landscaping for Wildlife*, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. 1987.

Holm, Heather, *Pollinators of Native Plants*, Pollination Press LLC, Minnetonka, MN. 2014

Hass, R. et al., *Growing Roses in Cold Climates*, University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, MN. 2012.

Lonnee, D. et al., *Growing Shrubs and Small Trees in Cold Climates*, University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, MN. 2011.



Meyer, M. et al., *The Best Plants for 30 Tough Sites*, University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, MN. 2007.

Meyer, M.H., *Ornamental Grasses for Cold Climates*, University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, MN. 2012. <https://grasses.cfans.umn.edu/publications>

Kowalchik, C., *Rodale's Illustrated Encyclopedia of Herbs*, Rodale Press, Emmaus, PA. 2000.

Smith, W., *Trees & Shrubs of Minnesota*, University of Minnesota Press. 2008.

Tepe, E., *The Edible Landscape*, Voyageur Press, Minneapolis, MN. 2012.

Vance, F.R. et. al, *Wildflowers of the Northern Plains*, University of Minnesota Press, Minneapolis, MN. 1984.

ASSOCIATIONS, PUBLIC GARDENS & INSTITUTES

American Horticulture Society (AHS) <http://www.ahs.org/>

American Public Garden Association <http://www.publicgardens.org/>

International Society of Arboriculture <http://www.isa-arbor.com/>

Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association <https://www.mnla.biz/>

Minnesota State Horticultural Society <http://www.northerngardener.org>

Missouri Botanic Garden Plantfinder

<https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/plantfinder/plantfindersearch.aspx>

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