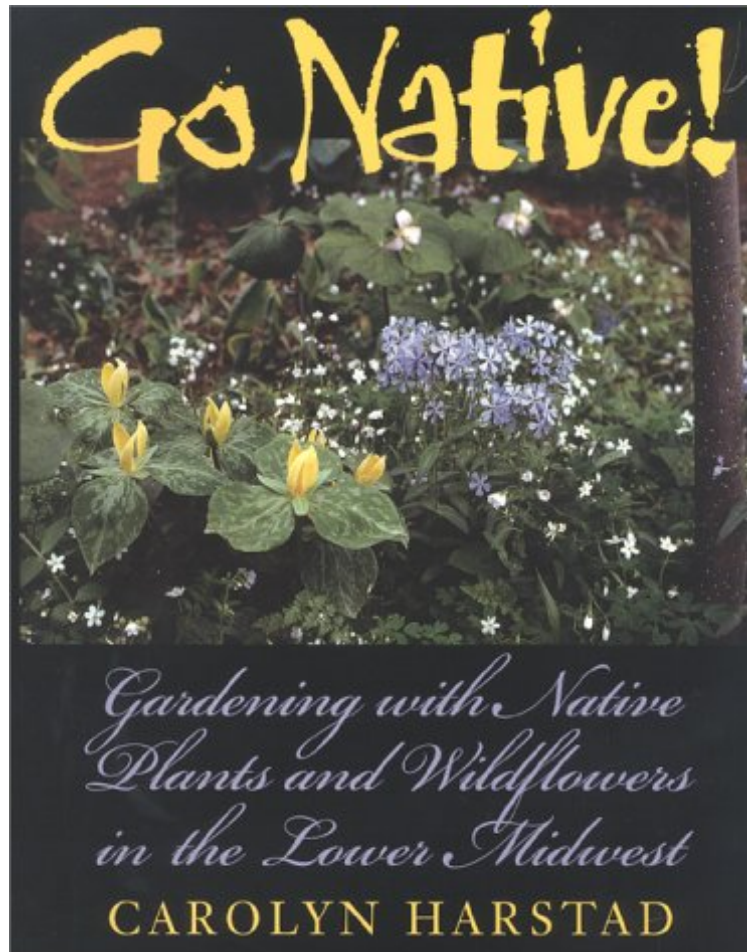


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. GO NATIVE -- A very helpful book By D. Reinert I can't tell you how many times I have referred to this book in just the short time I've had it. First, when I started reading it, I couldn't put it down. After finishing it I still turn to various pages, chapters, sentences, to help me with my own wildlife habitat. Just a week ago, I noticed a new group of native plants that popped up in my bird/butterfly garden almost overnight. I didn't know what they were. "Go Native" actually had a drawing of them -- swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*). Great! This book has shown itself to be the bible of native gardeners in my opinion. D. Reinert, Shawnee, Ks. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Garden with Native Plants By Kindle Customer This is an

excellent guide to using native plants to garden in the lower Midwest. Because it focuses on a very specific local, individual species that will thrive, require less water, and less attention are mentioned. I want to plant species that will survive the dry spells and the cold winters resulting from climate change. Also, planting such species as milkweed can encourage local wildlife. Altogether a useful book. 16 of 17 people found the following review helpful. Good reference, not so good layout. By secondaddI find this a useful book that I refer back to time to time, as I innately trust the author's advice. There is excellent info in here on a plant's propagation/division and planting requirements. I haven't found anything better. There are problems: 1) I wish it was more exhaustive in the number of plants it covers, although for a primer it picks really good candidates. 2) It commits the common sin of putting the photographs in their own section instead of with the text, substituting nearly useless line drawings next to the text. 3) The book is topically organized -- plants for shade, using ground cover, developing woodland gardens, etc. I find this rather annoying, and I can never find what I want right away. I'm forever referring to the index. 4) It's presented on cheap paper stock in an amateurish paragraph format, with no page divisions for different plants. This makes it needlessly difficult to use as a reference. In sum, there is a lot of great info in here, enough to recommend it. I just wish the layout was better.

Finally: a guide to gardening with plants native to the lower Midwest! Using a simple Q A format, this informative and user-friendly book offers advice on planning, site and soil preparation, garden design, plant selection, and propagation. Includes 125 illustrations and 100 color photos. A must-have for Midwestern gardeners.

"Using a simple question and answer format, this informative and user-friendly book focuses on the Lower Midwest, and includes everything you need to know about gardening with plants and wildflowers native to the region." Booked Solid with Virginia C (Booked Solid with Virginia C) About the Author CAROLYN HARSTAD has been gardening with native plants for many years. She is one of the founders of two successful organizations--the Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society (1993) and the Indianapolis Hosta Society (1986). She is a popular garden lecturer, nature photographer, certified Landscape Design Critic, and a regular contributor to several gardening newsletters. In 1990, Harstad wrote the wildflower guidelines, still used by 4-H members, to complete her certification as Advanced Master Gardener, Purdue University.