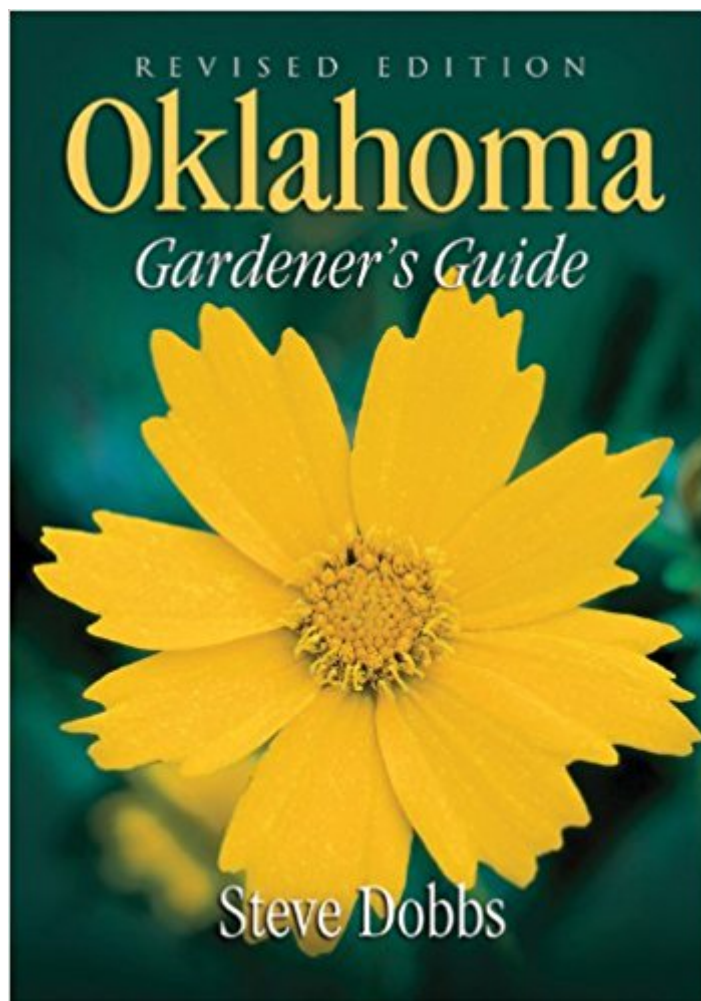


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# Oklahoma Gardener's Guide (Gardener's Guides)



## Synopsis

Gardeners can turn to this practical, informative guide for reliable advice on a wide variety of gardening issues. It will both inspire and educate new and more advanced gardeners alike, offering ideas for enhancing the beauty and enjoyment of their landscapes, as well as taking the mystery out of maintenance.

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## Customer Reviews

Dale Groom (Dallas, TX), The Plant Groom, is a horticulturist and native Texan. Dale is an accomplished author, radio and television host, speaker, consultant, and columnist whose column "Ask the Plant Groom" is syndicated. Dale is an extension horticulturist and certified professional nurseryman. Dan Gill (Baton Rouge, LA) is an extension horticulturist with the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center. He teaches lectures and demonstrations and writes articles on gardening. He has bachelor and master degrees in horticulture from Louisiana State University.

At last an excellent Oklahoma Garden's Guide. Steve Dobbs did a great job listing the various plants for your garden in OK. Great hardiness zone selection...that's a real help. Info on how big the plant/tree will be, height, how much sun needed, soil type, does it need lots of maintenance, water and fertilizer needs. Lots of great colorful pictures. Really a well done book. I was very impressed by the hardiness zone information allowing you to plant the right plant that will survive the different degrees of coldness. I had bought another OK gardening plants book and the zone information was not included. This book is perfect. We live in the far Western Panhandle of OK. Its rugged with hard

winters sometimes below -10F and hot summers sometimes above 100F with year round precipitation less than 16 inches. So its very important to be able to pick the right plants that can survive in this sometimes brutal climate and be able to pick plants that will survive the first early frosts. Its a lot different than far Eastern OK. People living in the very different climate zones in OK will be able to find plants and trees for their climate zones in this book. In the book I found plenty of plants and a few trees that can survive and prosper in the far Western Panhandle of OK. Finally found the right book...I love it! Also in the book there are plants that will attract hummingbirds and butterflies. I've seen a few hummingbirds and want to attract more plus more butterflies. 5 stars

Nice basic gardening guide but more generic than I expected. Recently moved to Oklahoma and was looking for something with more focus on native plants and gardening issues specific to Oklahoma.

Bought as a gift for our daughter. Cannot vouch for actual usefulness in OK, hence the 4 stars. But I am a gardener and a forester and I liked the organization and the comprehensiveness of the book. Provided a good ecological context in the beginning and addressed drought tolerance, watering needs, etc.

I am not sure why I waited so long to purchase this book. We bought our first home three years ago, and I began my adventures in trial and error gardening. I should have started with "Oklahoma Gardener's Guide" immediately. Instead, I wandered through nurseries, picking out plants I liked, asking questions, and trying just to make things work. One thing I quickly learned is that your general planting and care instructions hardly apply in our varied and complex climate. A quarter of my garden dies in the summer heat, another quarter doesn't survive the winter. My "shade plants" tend to wither even in the darkest corners of the yard, and my "sun" plants get scorched leaves. Obviously I do not have the greenest of thumbs, but my main problem was planting the wrong things. I am sure a seasoned gardener can do much better, but this book would surely save a lot of guesswork for anyone selecting plants for their Oklahoma garden. After a concise but informative introduction and basic tips chapter, the bulk of "Oklahoma Gardener's Guide" consists of the "Featured Plants" section, which is divided into 10 useful categories. Each individual plant has a whole page dedicated to its care and includes a full color photo. The back of the book also includes weather condition maps specific to Oklahoma, a table of beneficial insects, etc. Simply put, the few plants that have survived my amateurish abilities and Oklahoma's adversarial weather conditions

are easily found within the pages of this book; those that I have had no success with are not. If you're new to gardening in Oklahoma, I would highly recommend you purchase this book before anything else.

As a gardening newbie, I got a lot out of this guide. Thanks to Steve's details about what plants will live harmoniously with other plants, I've been able to draft a gardening plan for the coming year. This guide is easy to follow with specific seasonal planting instructions. Go for it!

A must book for anyone who gardens in OK. I bought the past edition almost 10yrs ago and used it so much the book fell apart. This is my second purchase and I would never garden without this wonderful guide. The book is used but in excellent condition and the delivery was very fast.

This book really helped this California girl with her new garden in OK. The author makes it really easy for a new gardener to find the best plants for her garden without lots and lots of research. The legends also are really helpful and the layout of the book is very well done. I would highly recommend this book.

This is an older book, but it gives me all the info I need to know what grows well here in Oklahoma (just moved here this summer). The author has picked plants that do VERY well here so I'm happy. I guess the test will be to see what's still alive next spring.

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