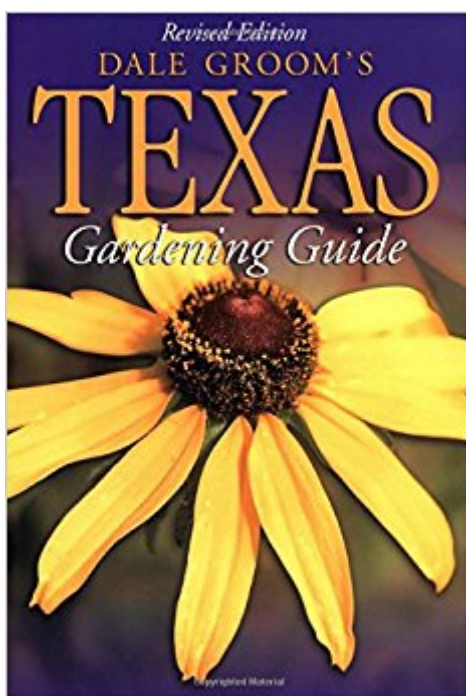


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# Dale Groom's Texas Gardener's Guide (Dale Groom's Texas Gardening Guide)



## Synopsis

Gardening is now the favorite leisure pastime in America. Homeowners are realizing the health benefits derived from gardening and the increase in their home's property value.

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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.

Fantastic. Each individual plant description has a large color picture (at least 3.5" x 3"), When, Where, and How to Plant (this is very detailed and includes any necessary soil preparation), Growing Tips (which includes watering and fertilizing including the fertilizer ratio and when to fertilize), Care, Companion Planting and Design and icons on the bottom of the page indicating not only sun preference and drought resistance, but also whether it attracts butterflies, hummingbirds, produces food for wildlife, as well as 9 other icons to numerous to list. It is divided into logical chapters, such as listing Native Wildflowers in a chapter separate from Perennials. The plant index is very thorough. This book will not only help you pick your plants, but care for them over their lifespan. All this information is concisely packed into a useable size book you can carry to the

nursery with you. If you can only afford one Texas Gardening book, this is the one to have.

I purchased this book after wanting to revamp my lawn. Each page is filled with great detail on each common plant, vine, etc. found in Texas. I found it helpful that it lists the common bugs (if any) that would possibly attack the plant. The book is filled with huge colorful pictures. It is a lot more helpful than the original book Dale Groom has (I have both). I recommend this book to any one who doesn't know a lot about the plants that thrive in the many different areas of Texas. Although I think this a great book for any Texan, I almost wished there was more variety. I used this in combination with *Home Landscaping: Texas (Home Landscaping)*. Happy Planting!

I am a professional Horticulturist and love this book! Even though I know my plant material, the ideas and info in this book are very helpful to me in my industry. And it is written so that someone who doesn't know plant material will also learn a lot. It is an easy read and thorough covers each plant. This is the one book that I keep with me for reference all the time. I would call it my Bible for North Texas Plant Material. I have met Dale several times and he is very knowledgeable about this industry and what works in North Texas. You can be sure that what he says in this book is the truth.

Excellent book

Finally a reference that devotes an entire page with a picture and useful advice on each plant! I am not one that wants to pour through a list of items, and then have to look each one up as some reference material is set up. I want to see the picture, read about the plant, know where it should be planted, how it will fair, what care it needs etc etc. This book does all that for me. This book has already made my spring planning/planting at our new home a breeze.

Too much repetition. For each entry: If you have problems, your local plant dealer can give you advice. Well, often the advice you get is not accurate. Lots of references to what his granny grew. It's great he loved his granny, but that is folksy and not useful information. Ignores the problems with periwinkle and red tip photinia diseases. Pictures are very good. Book is well organized. Bibliography leaves out some important other books by competing radio call-in hosts. I get the impression that Mr. Groom is a nice, well-intentioned man, but this is not a definitive work on Texas decorative gardening.

As a quick reference this book compliments a gardener's information resource. This one can go with you as you do a "walk through" of a landscape design. Excellent photographs help you visualize your ideas.

I really like this very simple to read and understand book. It is great for checking out what plants you want to plant.

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