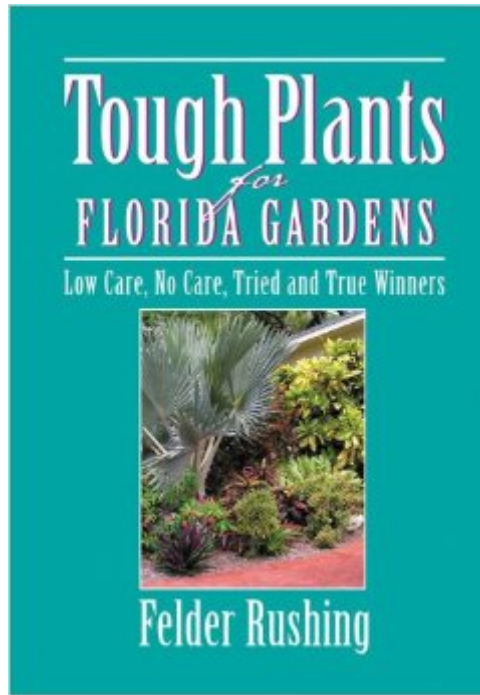


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# Tough Plants For Florida Gardens



## Synopsis

Tough Plants for Florida Gardens includes over 180 of the toughest plants for Florida gardens, including annuals, perennials, shrubs and small trees, ornamental vines, and grasses. Each featured plant is noted for its ability to thrive with minimal care. Many of the selections can withstand drought, poor soils, and minimal (or no) pruning, while providing beauty and charm in the Florida landscape.

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## Customer Reviews

This is the book that I would write if I could manage to string together more than two intelligible sentences. I have been a fan of Felder Rushing since being given a signed copy of "Passalong Plants" back in 1993, and this book certainly did not let me down. The style of writing reminds me of a casual conversation with a friendly neighborhood gardener who knows more about plants than I will ever hope to. The casual style can be deceiving, however, because the advice is right on target with just enough storytelling to make it interesting. Growing things in "paradise" is not as easy as one might expect, especially if you come from an area that has real dirt and not this playground sand stuff. We won't even mention the heat, humidity, insects, and occasional hurricane. "Tough Plants for Florida Gardens" makes the best gift for the first time homeowner, inexperienced gardener, or the new arrival in Florida. This book can really save one from making the inevitable mistake of thinking that what grows somewhere else will surely thrive under the Florida sunshine.

Most Florida gardening books give recommendations for sunny, frost free gardening. I live in central Florida, where it is hot, dry except in the summer (very) rainy season, and can get down in the low twenties some nights in the winter. Very difficult to select plants that can survive all of these conditions. This book directs you right to the exact plants that have a chance to survive, and I am anxious to get started planting.

This book does a phenomenal job at listing out native and foreign plants that grow in Florida and what you can expect from them. The author organizes the book very well and even provides some storytelling to keep it from reading like a reference book. This is the perfect book for individuals who know little to nothing about Florida plant life and are thinking of doing some basic landscaping. By reading this book I was able to design and build my own landscaping from start to finish with little assistance. This book helps you determine which plants are finicky, which are hearty and where they belong in your landscaping. A must have for any beginner and an excellent starter book. The only downside I found to this book was that it only gives you a few sentences for each plant and sometimes not even that. Basically making it a starting point for further research.

The author has a funny way of explaining everyone's gardening in Florida he does say you won't find a lot of horticultural instruction in this book, it's covered thoroughly in nearly every other Florida garden book, so he says dig a hole and plant them green side up, that's at the beginning of this book so I knew it would be a fun read and talk about what plants work. I enjoyed the photo of him in his garden with his toy size train at his feet and with no less the tracks too, so it talks about plants and the whimsy things we put in our gardens, the plant info is more thorough in other books Pamela Crawford is one but it's worth the price for a really refreshing view on the Florida garden. Good job!

Great info for what plants survive in Florida's heat waves and unusual winters, especially if you are not a native. I grew up in Dade county and I now live in Polk county. There is significant differences in just two hundred miles.

Wonderful book for Florida plant lovers. It was recommended to me by a landscaper who knows all the best books on plants and gardens for those of us who live here in the heat, and cold, of NE Florida. She was sure right about this one. It's a winner!

This is a great book for the new Florida gardener. The text is breezy, but thoroughly informative and

well organized. The color photos on every page are exceptional. Even seasoned Florida landscapers will learn from this book and perhaps be re-inspired in their work. The author covers most everything a Florida gardener needs, except perhaps what works seaside, and there are specialized books for that. With the help of this quality softcover manual, and advice from one's neighbors, Floridians can avoid most of the pitfalls of gardening in the sunshine state and have a landscape to be proud of..

I borrowed this book from the public library because we were starting a garden. After exploring it, I renewed it for another 2 weeks. Even then I wasn't finished learning all about "Tough Plants for Florida Gardens" by Felder Rushing. The author's quirky humor and enjoyable writing style, not to mention his vast knowledge imparted to the reader makes this book a must-read and must-have for any half-interested gardener, Floridian, or "just plain I enjoy reading person". Get this book, you'll love it. Thank you, Felder, I feel like you are the brilliant, slightly odd member of our family that everyone loves to listen to. Keep writing!

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