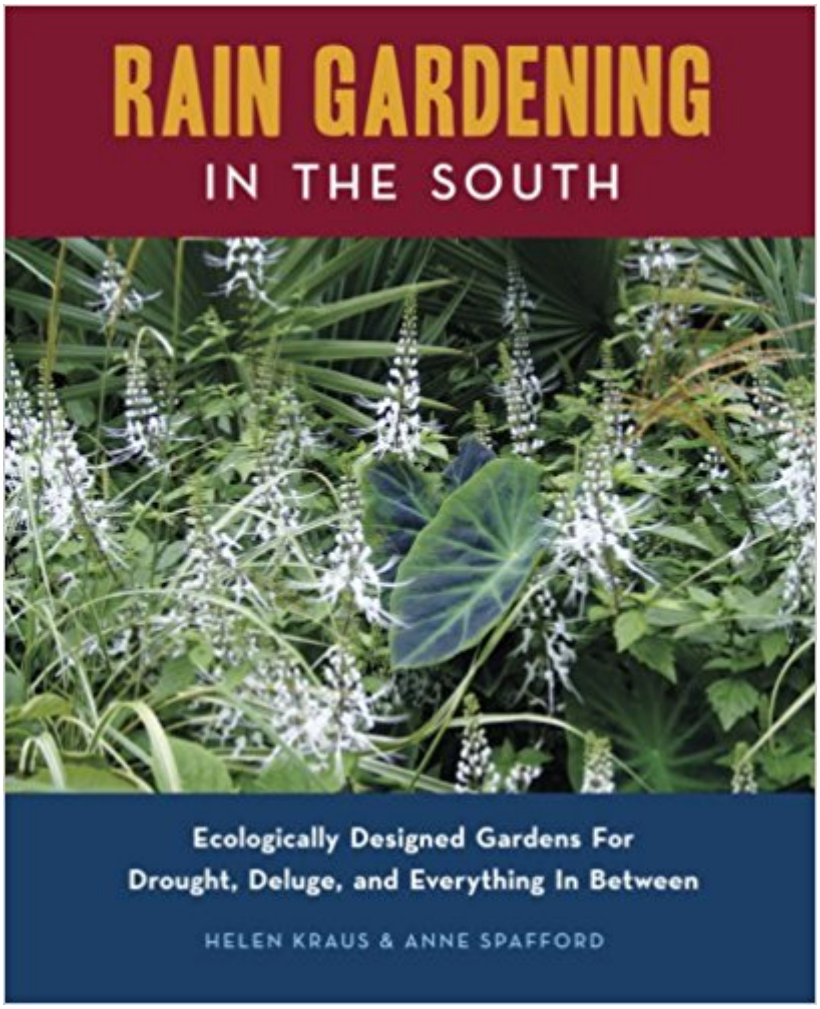
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Rain Gardening In The South: Ecologically Designed Gardens For Drought, Deluge And Everything In Between



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Synopsis

The first book directed at the consumer/home gardener market on this important new gardening movement, Rain Gardening in the South is a colorful, readable how-to guide on creating beautiful gardens that capture and use water that runs off roofs, driveways, and other hard surfaces in our landscape. Written by horticulturists Helen Kraus and Anne Spafford, Rain Gardening in the South helps gardeners use our most precious resource wisely. Rain gardens maximize rainwater, enhance the landscape, and promote environmental stewardship. Runoff from out yards, roofs, and driveways contributes more than a third of the pollution that ends upin our nation's waterways. Rain gardens, which function as miniature water reservoirs and filtrations systems, offer effective and visually pleasing solutions that dramatically reduce toxic runoff, resulting in cleaner rivers, lakes, and oceans. Ironically, rain gardens are more drought tolerant than most conventional gardens. Because of plant selection and their ability to store water, rain gardens flourish during dry spells as well as rainy seasons, making them particularly conducive to the South and its unpredictable rainfall. This four-color book addresses the specific environmental circumstances of southern gardeners, including climate issues, plant selection, and soil types. The book offers readers step-by-step instruction on constructing such gardens, from the design stage to post-plating maintenance. it also includes extensive design tips, plant lists, and soil amendment instructions, as well as a chapter on troubleshooting.Rain Gardening in the South, by Helen Kraus and Anne Spafford, received the Silver award of Achievement from the Garden Writers Association. In addition, Rain Gardening in the South won the Silver Benjamin Franklin Award in the Gardening/Agriculture category from the Independent Book Publishers Association and an Honorable Mention in the Home & Garden category for the Eric Hoffer Award.

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"With on-going urban growth and regional climate changes, Rain Gardening in the South provides timely lessons and much-needed factual information, reminding us along the way that we are better stewards of the environment with water-wise gardening." --Bobby J. Ward, author of The Plant Hunters Garden"Homeowners and landscapers have needed a concise guide into the uncharted waters of rain gardeningin the South... This book is filled with easy-to-understand principles we can apply to any landscape." --Pam Beck, columnist, Raleigh News & Observer and author of Best Garden Plants for North Carolina"...a great addition to the home library. it’s informative, but also presents rain gardens in a way that gets you excited to build one. That’s a victory for any author." --Revolutionary Gardens"Homeowners and landscapers have needed a concise guide into the uncharted waters of rain gardeningin the South... This book is filled with easy-to-understand principles we can apply to any landscape." --Pam Beck, columnist, Raleigh News & Observer and author of Best Garden Plants for North Carolina"...a great addition to the home library. it’s informative, but also presents rain gardens in a way that gets you excited to build one. That’s a victory for any author." --Revolutionary Gardens

Good discussion of rain gardens, but I seriously question the "shade" plant selections. Additional illustrations particularly diagraming water flow would have been appreciated.

The book is actually an interesting read; more than just an instructional manual. The book goes into excellent detail on bed prep, rain garden design, and plant selection. The book also does a good job of covering other ornamental gardening basics. Although the book is primarily focused on the South, I think the basics taught would be applicable anywhere in the country.

I was surprised that this book was written with research done in North Carolina. Perfect for me! Lots of good ideas, information. Of all the rain gardening books I have read, this is one of my favorites.

This is a great book for anyone who is passionate about water conservation. It is simple to understand and gives you step by step instructions for creating beautiful bio-retention areas in your

landscape.

Lots of good pictures - I think I would like more details in this book in terms of planting designs. The list of plant possibilities is good but would like a little more design help.

Valuable information. Excellent book.

I was appalled by the plants recommended by this book for inclusion in a rain garden. Numerous plants identified as invasive plants by the USDA were included in the plant recommendations. This book is grossly out of date and does not provide any unique information useful to the southern climate or geography. There many better and more current publications on rain gardens. Do not rely on this book.

The book seems interesting, but when I turned to the plant list for rain gardens, I was appalled that so many invasive plants were listed. I was looking for information on plants that had deep tap roots to carry the water down deep and other information like that. I was disappointed.

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