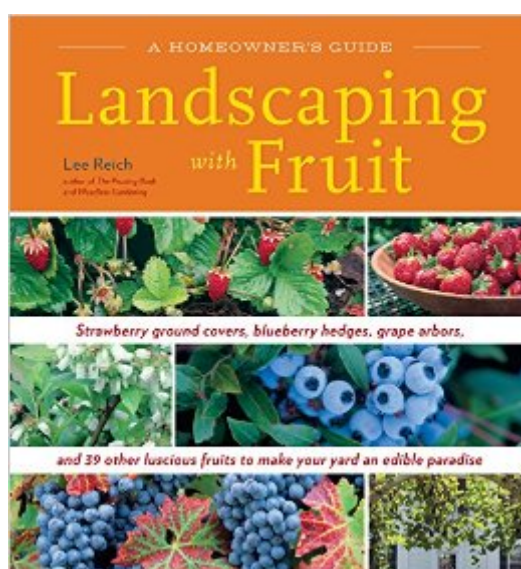


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Landscaping With Fruit: Strawberry Ground Covers, Blueberry Hedges, Grape Arbors, And 39 Other Luscious Fruits To Make Your Yard An Edible Paradise. (A Homeowners Guide)



Synopsis

Discover the joy of homegrown apples, fresh-picked cherries, and dozens of other fruits with this definitive guide to creating a more delicious backyard! Lee Reich shows you how to grow temperate-zone fruit at home, from site analysis and climate assessment through plant selection, pest control, pruning, and harvesting. A plant-by-plant guide recommends 39 palate-pleasing species that are especially well-suited to the home landscape. Add beauty to your outdoor space while bringing organic fruit to your table.Â

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This book is not intended to be a complete compendium of every edible landscaping plant, but instead focuses on a small variety that the author thinks are particularly noteworthy. Many of them are lovely three or four seasons of the year, provide tasty fruit, and are relatively easy to care for. Reading through it, i discovered a great many plants i'd never heard of that sound quite delicious.However, the author is relatively unconcerned about invasive species. He even lists blackberries as something to put in your garden, with an offhand mention of pruning to control growth. (Here in the pacific northwest, we don't worry about a zombie apocalypse much, because the blackberry bushes are stronger, faster, meaner, and more virulent than any zombie plague.) At least a few other plants also spread via suckers and underground runners, sometimes quite determinedly, but almost no emphasis is placed on it. A gardener following the recommendations in

this book may end up with a property totally overrun by blackberries and maypop because they weren't able to keep up with the plants' precocious growing habits. My advice to anyone looking to create their own edible landscape is to use this book as a starting point. Get some ideas of which plants sound like you'd like having them around, but then go check other sources. Make sure the plants you want to grow won't run you out of your home in a few seasons, or aren't disease-prone in your area. (For example, i was planning on planting some Juneberry trees until i talked to the people at my local garden center. They told me that i'd spend so much time fighting disease on my Juneberries that even if i managed a harvest, it wouldn't be worth it.

Growing your own vegetables and fruits has come back into favor in the last year thanks to the bad economy. Instead of focusing primarily on beauty in the landscape a lot of folks went in a new direction and began planting with the idea of growing food. As the author notes in the introduction, one can plant fruit producing plants that also provide beauty in the landscape. After the introduction, the book is essentially divided into two parts though that organization is never expressly stated by the author. The first half of the book is all about the technical details. The second half is all about the various plants. Of course, various plants are discussed and there are photographs of them in the first section, but the overriding material is regarding landscape design and placement of the plants as well as how to maintain them. The first chapter covers "Landscape Design Basics." As implied by the title, it is how to figure out how one yard looks better than another (and not just because everything is alive and thriving), how to figure out what you have, what you want, how to use different plants to achieve different goals, etc. "Considerations In Planting" follows with topics on weather, your local soil, types of sunlight in your area, etc. This leads directly into the chapter titled "Growing The Plants." Spending money and effort on planting is doomed to failure if you don't know what will grow best, how to care for your soil, prune and protect against pests of all types, among other topics. Various plans for several different layouts are found in the next section titled "Home Landscape Plans.

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