

SUSTAINABLE GARDENING BOOKS & NURSERIES

Books I have used and liked on California natives, low water gardening, DTOE, gardening design, maintenance, and science.

Bay-Friendly Gardening, From Your Backyard to the Bay, Bay-Friendly Gardening Program of the Alameda County Waste Management Authority and Stop Waste.org, January 2008. See www.BayFriendly.org for more information. Very practical concise information and how to's on all aspects of gardening in the Bay Area to support the health of San Francisco Bay.

California Native Plants for the Garden, Carol Bornstein, David Fross, Bart O'Brien, Cachuma Press, Los Olivos, California, 2005
Native garden design, plant care, lists of plants and small photos. Good resource book for those considering creating a California natives garden.

Designing California Native Gardens, The Plant Community Approach to Artful, Ecological Gardens, Glenn Keator, Alrie Middlebrook, University of California Press, 2007
Focuses on creating gardens that are natural to the specific garden location, has garden maps and plant communities in California

Edible Landscaping, Rosalind Creasy, Now You can have your Gorgeous Garden and Eat it too!, Sierra Club Books, San Francisco, 2010
Wonderful inspiring book by GCPA 2012 speaker about combining ornamentals and edibles into a creatively designed garden

Plants and Landscapes for Summer-Dry Climates of the San Francisco Bay Region, East Bay Municipal Utility District, 2004
Great photographs of plants for summer dry gardens. If you are just thinking about starting a garden like this, this book will help you visualize what such a garden could look like.

Sustainable Landscapes and Gardens: good science – practical application, Dr. Linda Chalker-Scott, author and editor, GFG Publishing, Yakima WA, information and orders: www.sustainablelandscapesandgardens.com
Science-based sustainable gardening and maintenance.

Nurseries

Sierra Azul Nursery and Gardens
www.sierraazul.com

Yerba Buena Nursery
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