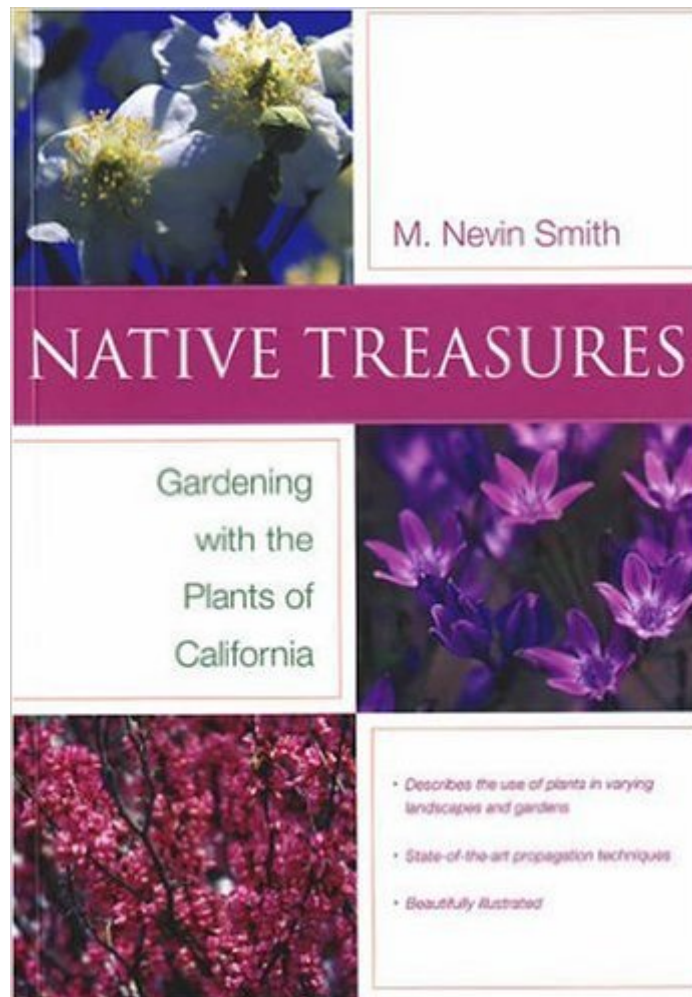


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# Native Treasures: Gardening With The Plants Of California (Phyllis M. Faber Books)



## Synopsis

Nevin Smith has spent his life growing plants and exploring the wild California landscape. A highly respected horticulturalist and practitioner who is also a gifted writer, Smith shares his years of experience growing native California plants in this lively, informative book. Rather than being a systematic 'how-to' manual, *Native Treasures* combines Smith's personal thoughts, sometimes maverick opinions, and matchless expertise with practical advice on selected groups of native plants and their culture. The author explains how California's diverse terrain, climate, and geology support a wealth of plant species—more than 6000—and offers suggestions for designing with most of the major natives in cultivation, as well as with some more obscure but garden-worthy groups. With an engaging narrative and a wealth of illustrations, this ode to beauty and diversity celebrates California's rich store of native plants and encourages readers to visit them in their native haunts and invite them into their gardens.\* Describes the use of plants in varying landscapes and gardens\* State of the art propagation techniques\* Beautifully illustrated with color photos and line drawings

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## Customer Reviews

I just finished reading this book and it was a delight! More than just a reference book, it is chock full of excellent information on origins, habitat, usage, reliability and much more. The suggestions and advice from Mr. Smith, who has been a plant enthusiast for so long, really hit the mark. The style is

so friendly without a bit of condescension. There is nothing dry or distant about the book. It bursts with the excitement of discovery, knowledge and the adventure of plant hunting, growing and then selecting. If one is even a little bit curious about the amazing native plants of the west, this book is for you. It is a book to go back to again and again for suggestions and information. I read it over four cloudy days and couldn't wait to get outside and see for myself the beauty and wonder of our native plants. Patrick Jesse Pons-Worley

What really stands out in this book is the analysis for each plant species. Several varieties and hybrids of the species are listed and best location and cultural needs for each. In spite of all the technical information the book is an easy read.

This book has a lot of information on plants for Calif. I would have liked to see more on hardiness, deer, and fire resistance. but other wise this book has a lot going for it..

If you are a California native plant person, than you should have this book in your collection. Great information and pictures of what people do with native plants.

Probably a great book for someone who is a serious California gardener.... which I am not.

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