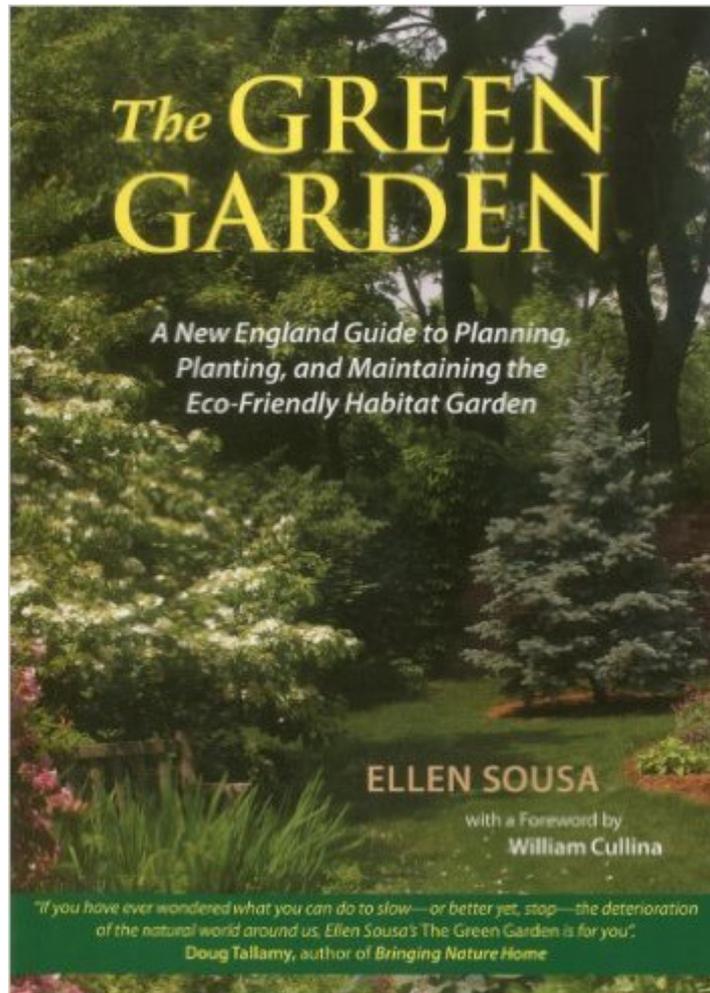


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# The Green Garden: A New England Guide To Planting And Maintaining The Eco-Friendly Habitat Garden



## Synopsis

Whether you have just purchased a new property with a garden to tend, or have made a rash personal decision to go 'Green' or are just looking at the same old backyard that needs attention, this book is definitely for you! Designed and written in a practical no nonsense comprehensive style The Green Garden is an inspirational guidebook. If you are looking for low-cost, beautiful and earth-friendly ways to green those landscapes and outdoor spaces and supply an adequate habitat for a whole variety of declining species, including birds, native pollinators, honey bees, amphibians and turtles, this book will be invaluable. It includes an extensive Plant Guide, detailing the best wildlife-friendly plants suitable for the varied conditions and microclimates found across New England, along with cultivation hints and tips, and the species attracted by each plant. Broken down into sections for Annuals, Vegetables and Herbs, Bulbs and Perennials, Shrubs, Vines, and Medium to Large Mast Trees, The Green Garden includes an introduction and photos from renowned native plant author and propagator William Cullina, formerly from the New England Wild Flower Society, now Curator at Coastal Maine Botanic Garden. The Green Garden: A New England Guide to Planning, Planting, and Maintaining the Eco-Friendly Habitat Garden contains an extensive Plant Guide listing plants suitable for the varied conditions and microclimates found across New England, labeled with each plant's individual preferences and uses and broken down into sections for Annuals (Native and Nonnative); Vegetables and Culinary Herbs; Herbaceous Perennials and Bulbs; Native Grasses, Sedges, Rushes, and Other Grasslike Plants; Native New England Ferns; Perennial Vines; Shrubs and Small Trees; and Medium- to Large-Mast Trees. Loaded with ideas, tips, and inspiration for gardening newbies and seasoned gardeners alike, this beautifully illustrated guide shows how to attract the wildlife you want while discouraging what you don't.

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## Customer Reviews

To start, the book is filled with amazing wildlife garden photos and native plants. I commend Ellen for the obvious attention to detail in choosing these gorgeous photos. The Green Garden seeks to help us learn to make much healthier choices in our gardens, to protect and encourage biodiversity, and how our gardens can contribute to a healthier planet. With step by step instructions, Ellen shows us how to plan our wildlife habitat gardens, choose the plants with most wildlife value, and create welcoming habitat for birds, butterflies, bees and other pollinators, frogs and toads, and more. The book includes an extensive annotated plant list for every garden situation from forest, to woodland edge, old field, wetland, coastal, and other ecosystem types. By applying the principles Ellen has so clearly laid out, you will soon have a garden full of life, and you will have helped to create a healthier planet. The Green Garden: A New England Guide to Planning, Planting, and Maintaining the Planet-Friendly Habitat Garden is available for preorder now, and I highly recommend adding this book to your wildlife garden library.

The Green Garden is a useful tool for one just starting on the journey of native gardening. The photos are beautiful (although in some cases, the landscapes shown will be terribly overgrown and unbalanced in a few years-when the pictured trees clobber the nearby shrubs - see page 11). Much of the book is a very basic review of ecology, with ideas of how to work it into your homescape, followed by lists of plants to consider for different sites. I wouldn't recommend it to anyone with a background in ecology and horticulture, but it does have a place for the beginner. The binding is a big problem. It won't be long before it cracks and the pages begin to fall out. I'm afraid to open it too far!

This is the most outstanding "Bible" for anyone committed to the joy and knowledge of developing a sustainable, beautiful property in face of the long term challenges presented by our climate changes and our vulnerable insects and wildlife. If I could, I'd mail this book to everyone I know. I am a member of the Audubon Society and also a lifelong advocate of modifying the American obsession with the perfectly green gorgeous monoculture lawn in favor of something more messy and alive. I

love watching my bunny munch at dusk. Did you know that rabbits love to eat crab grass? Thank you, Ms Sousa.

I am a beginning gardener interested in native plants and found the book to be an excellent resource. It was easy to read and engaging, and I loved the pictures. I thought the author made her points clearly, concisely and persuasively. Some reference books like this can be dry but I found the style of this one lively and appealing, while providing useful information. It was a worthwhile read and a good book to have on the bookshelf for reference.

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