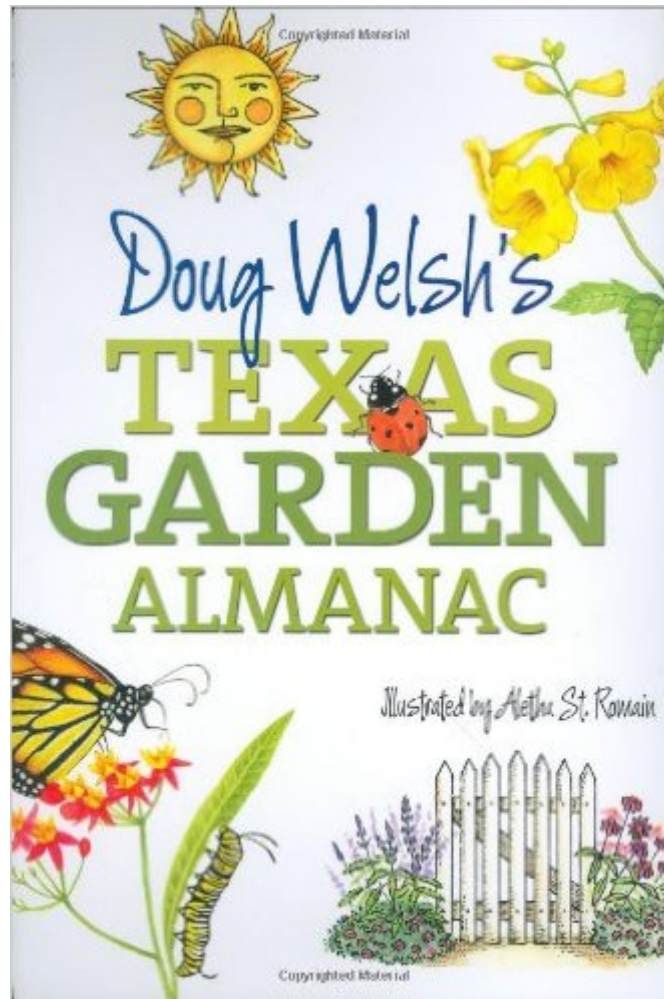


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# Doug Welsh's Texas Garden Almanac (Month-by-Month Guide)



## Synopsis

Think of Doug Welsh's Texas Garden Almanac as a giant monthly calendar for the entire state; a practical, information-packed, month-by-month guide for gardeners and yardeners. • This book provides everything you need to know about flowers and garden design; trees, shrubs, and vines; lawns; vegetable, herb, and fruit gardening; and soil, mulch, water, pests, and plant care. It will help you to create beautiful, productive, healthy gardens and have fun doing it. Writer, educator, and broadcaster Doug Welsh gives a wealth of practical gardening advice in this book. Encouraging us to "think like a plant," Welsh holds pruning school in February, conducts a lawn clinic in April, builds a perennial garden in September, and shows us how to grow fresh vegetables for Thanksgiving. Yet this barely scratches the surface of all that is offered in this comprehensive, fun-to-use guide. With colorful and instructive illustrations and helpful information boxes, plant lists, charts, sidebars, and tips, the book is written in the engaging, conversational style that anyone who has listened to Welsh's radio show will recognize. Whether your passion is roses or green beans, wildflowers or trees, reading this book is like having a personal garden consultant and friend at your side. Doug Welsh's Texas Garden Almanac will inspire you throughout the year and make you more eager than ever to get out into your garden.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I like the layout of this book. I read it cover to cover within the first week but have continued to use it as a reference. I like the month-by-month layout and it covers the majority of topics that a Texas gardener wants to know about. It's sort of like combining the best parts of several books...and the format is easy to read and is slightly humorous. The book covers several areas of Texas, so no

matter where you live the book covers your area. There are some topics where I wanted more depth, so I used the internet or library to find more detailed information. This book also debunked some of the theories I had learned about specific gardening methods...old wives tales that were truly tales. All said, I would purchase this book again and recommend it for novice to experienced gardeners (stopping short of master gardeners, but they're the ones writing the books anyway).

It's written for beginner gardeners in mind. The month by month garden tasks, and timely tips is a very useful format. The writing style is easy to read. It's loaded with small essays on how to get a perfect lawn, tree, vegetable, perennials or annuals planting, use water efficiently...Of course it's focused on Texas weather, and recommend all plants adapted to it. It gives also many tips on how to go organic gardening, detect soil and plant problems and solve them.

Finally we have a companion to the nationwide Farmer's Almanac -designed for our unique state - our climate and our plants. Doug Welsh's Texas Garden Almanac is the definitive almanac on Texas gardening, covering indepth topics such as pruning trees,attracting butterflies, and managing fire ants. In addition, readers will find handy quick-tips including: using clear plastic soda bottles for mini greenhouses, avoiding the epidemic of crepe murder (over-pruning crepe myrtles), and creating herb gardens in mini containers. Hundreds of delightful illustrations by Aletha St. Romain -including a beautiful amaryllis illustration for the chapter on December - make the book a joy for the eyes. It is so jam-packed with information, tips, and useful illustrations, it would make a life-long garden guide for a new gardener. Then too, experienced gardeners would find the book a wonderful edition to their gardening book library. As we become more dependent on food sources from millions of miles away, the need to garden more closely in our own area is of primary concern. For this reason, every school should consider ordering copies for students. And if a high school student shows any inclination toward gardening, this would be a treasured gift. Medium weight slick paper with fading violet and lime colored edges make the book wonderful to browse. Every library in Texas needs this gem. Valerie Brown, Texas Master Gardener

As a new homeowner, I wanted to make sure I got my landscaping and yard care right for the Texas temperatures and climate. This almanac nailed every topic I needed to know more about and did so in a very user friendly manner. A must for any Texas Gardener young or seasoned! You will not go wrong with this one!

If you own a yard and/or garden in the state of Texas, you need this book. It is by far the best gardening book specific to Texas climate that I've ever seen and owned. I bought this copy as a gift for a friend as a housewarming present. I gave my mother a copy for Christmas. EXCELLENT book!

This is a fantastic book. It's organized by months of the year, which is especially important for a beginner like me. I had planned to use it as a reference book, as questions came up. So imagine my surprise when I picked it up to read and found the prose easy-going and readable! I'm not completely through it yet, but it looks like I'll be reading soup to nuts, as well as using it for future reference! I wish all how-to books were this interesting AND accessible!

I love this book. I went to a class at the Arbor Gate Nursery and Dr Welsh was the speaker. He is so enthusiastic and knowledgeable about gardening. This book has all the info you need for Texas gardening. It is well written and the illustrations are beautiful.

This is the most accessible book for gardening I have ever (partially) read. Even though I'm just getting started, Doug Welsh has a very conversational tone, and the book is organized very graphically. I bought this book because I wanted specific advice on how to deal with the challenges of the Texas environment, and this book promises to do that marvelously. It provides specific plant varieties that do well in the challenging Texas climate. Also, it feels like it is trying to be a companion to your garden, and it has charts that tell you WHAT to do, and WHEN to do them, which was what I was looking for as I often look at my yard, and have no idea where to start. Some other gardening books may be more comprehensive as to what types of gardens there are (rock gardens, water gardens, etc), or gardening techniques, or have more nationally inclusive plant varieties, but few will take your hand and walk you through like the Texas Garden Almanac. I'd highly recommend this book to anyone in Texas, who doesn't know where to start, but knows that they want to do more to their yard/garden.

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