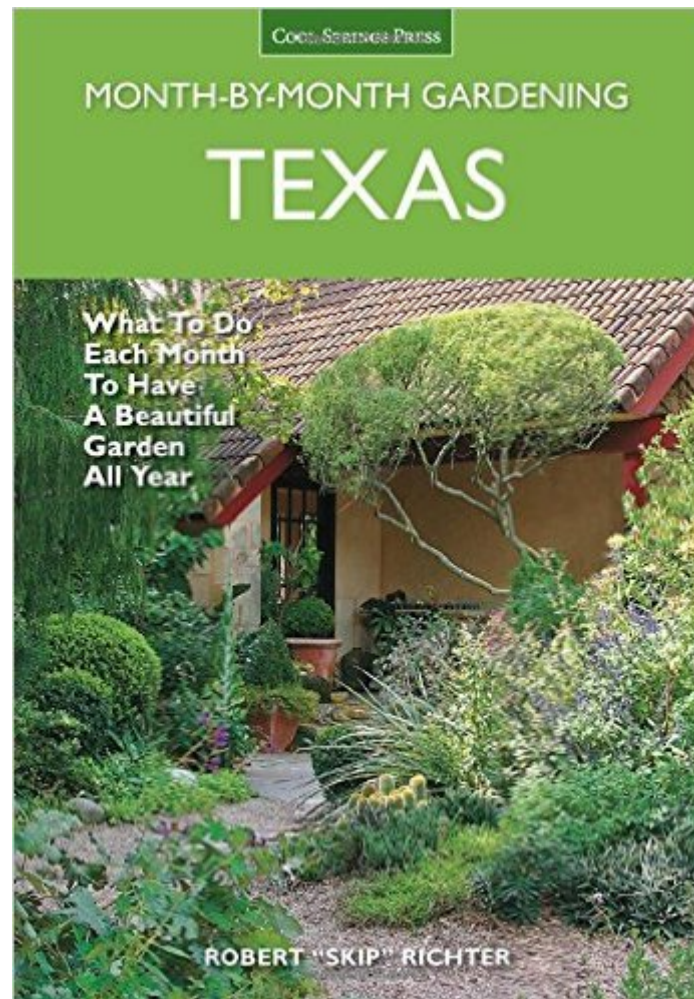


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Texas Month-by-Month Gardening: What To Do Each Month To Have A Beautiful Garden All Year



Synopsis

One of America's biggest and most diverse landscapes begins in your yard. There's no way around it: Texas is huge. The state dials in at well over 250,000 square miles, housing most of the United States' power grid, arguably all of its delicious food, and almost every kind of environment imaginable: formidable mountains, rolling hills, flat plains, and coastline. If you're a home gardener, knowing what to do when can be overwhelming--that's where Texas Month-by-Month Gardening, the companion book to our Texas Getting Started Garden Guide, comes to the rescue. Inside, Houston horticulturist Robert "Skip" Richter makes it easy with a in-depth month-by-month breakdown of what to plant, when to plant, and how to take care of it in order to have a beautiful Texas garden all year round. During each month, you'll learn to plan, plant, care for, water, fertilize, and troubleshoot in-season annuals, bulbs, lawns, natives, perennials, roses, shrubs, trees, vines, and groundcovers. As with all of our renowned gardening books, you're treated to gorgeous full-color "here's how" and plant photography and USDA zone maps. Plus, you'll get a detailed introduction to gardening specifically in the Lone Star State. So have no fear: from the red buckeyes in Dallas to Sunshine roses in Abilene, you'll have the best little garden in the biggest state around. For our full introduction to gardening in Texas, we also recommend companion books Texas Getting Started Garden Guide and Texas Fruit & Vegetable Gardening.

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[Author's foreward: Not to boast, but to show why I think I should review this book. I'm a longtime 'serious hobbyist' gardener who majored in Horticulture. I'm one of the primary growers for our semi-annual plant sales benefitting our community library's summer kids' reading program, and have served as treasurer and president for our garden club. I've installed two large xeriscapes in our hot front yard, one 60 feet long and the other 30 feet, complete with rock walls and rockwork throughout the growing areas, as demonstration gardens for the community to see that desertscapes can be beautiful while conserving water. A lifetime member of Seed Savers Exchange, my article on seed starting in the home appeared in Texas Gardening magazine.]I also know there's always more to learn about gardening in Central Texas, which is where Skip Richterâ™s month-by-month gardening book comes in. For each of the 12 months of the year, Richter tells you just about everything you need to know to succeed as a Texas gardener. The first section each month is planning, the foundation upon which every successful garden gets built. For example, he suggests you use the cold weather of January to create a better system for keeping track of what you planted and how it performed. Next, he talks about what to plant during that month. For example, he discusses what vegetables to plant in February, based upon your USDA hardiness zone. The third section every month discusses care. For example, in March he discusses hilling up potatoes for better production. Next he discusses watering needs for the month, which of course varies as it gets hotter or colder. For example, in April he mentions that rainfall is usually adequate for sustaining lawns.

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