

BE AN EARTH-FRIENDLY DESERT GARDENER

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Phoenix is labeled as one of the fastest growing areas in the country. Pristine desert is being developed at the rate of one acre per day. The good news is that individuals can make a real difference. It is possible to have an earth-friendly yard that conserves water and energy while attracting native wildlife and providing a bountiful harvest. *Earth-Friendly Desert Gardening: Growing in Harmony with Nature Saves Time, Money and Resources* explains how to create a landscape that thrives in desert surroundings without excessive input from the gardener.

The book helps anyone plan, install and maintain a landscape, covering Site Assessment and progressing through Landscape Design, Plant Selection, Plant Maintenance, and Integrated Pest Management. Six earth-friendly themes are covered throughout the chapters, including: Energy Conservation; Water Conservation; Green Waste Reduction; Water Quality Preservation; Wildlife Habitat; and Edible Landscaping. If interested in one aspect of earth-friendly gardening, such as creating a wildlife habitat, checklists in the Appendix guide gardeners through the possibilities.

The book was co-authored by Cathy Cromell, Jo Miller and Lucy K. Bradley. Cromell is Instructional Specialist and Bradley Urban Horticulture Agent for the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension in Phoenix. Miller is Water Conservation Specialist for the City of Glendale.

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