



# ***Cultivating the Wild***

***Gardening with Native Plants of  
British Columbia's Southern Interior and  
Eastern Washington***

***by Eva Durance***

Many of the semi-arid Northwest's beautiful, diverse native plants are lovely additions to gardens, but are not widely grown. ***Cultivating the Wild*** aims to change this situation.

This is the first comprehensive guide to gardening with native plants of the semi-arid Northwest, with species' descriptions, where to purchase them, how to grow them alone or with non-native plants, and some basic design ideas. Gardeners will find plenty of information and new challenges while other readers will be attracted by the wealth of information about the plants that shape our Interior ecosystems.

*"Eva Durance knows in detail what the rest of the world is just now waking up to: the elegance and beauty of our own native flora. This book is a significant addition to the native plant and xeriscaping canon. It is my fervent hope that increased use of our native plants in a gardening context will lead us to increased stewardship of those same native plants in the wild."* Don Gayton, ecologist and author.

*"Eva Durance's extensive knowledge of native plants, nature, and gardening in the region are evident throughout this valuable resource. The book has a great selection of garden worthy natives, each with good photographs and an excellent description including cultural requirements as well as some suggestions for landscape uses and companion plants. This will take a lot of the guesswork out of how to garden successfully with the wonderful native plants of our region."* Gwen Steele, Okanagan natural gardening educator.

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