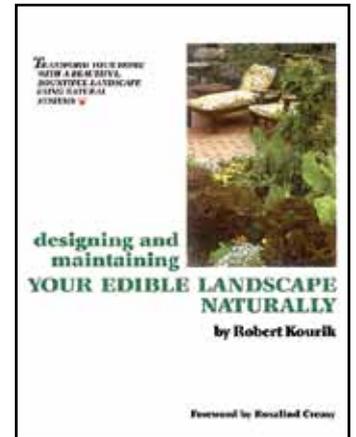




Book Information

Designing and Maintaining Your Edible Landscape Naturally

By Robert Kourik



Designing and Maintaining Edible Landscapes is a classic US best seller. It is the authoritative text on edible landscaping, featuring a step-by-step guide to designing your own aesthetic yet productive environment using vegetables, fruits, flowers, and herbs for a combination of ornamental and culinary purposes.

It includes descriptions of plants for all temperate habitats; methods for improving soil; tree pruning styles that suit you and your trees; and even gourmet recipes using low-maintenance plants.

There are sections on attracting beneficial insects with companion plants, and using planting to shelter your home from erosion, heat, wind and cold. Presenting such a wealth of information in an accessible and absorbing way is certainly no mean feat but Kourik manages it with aplomb, and will soon have you creating a world of both beauty and abundance.

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What people are saying about DESIGNING AND MAINTAINING YOUR EDIBLE LANDSCAPE NATURALLY

This highly original and eminently readable work will be very useful to novice as well as experienced gardeners and professionals interested in edible landscaping.

Robert Woolley, Nurseryman

Designing And Maintaining Your Edible Landscape Naturally by Robert Kourik is my all time favourite gardening book. Even if you don't have an edible landscape it contains a wealth of information, for landscapes, orchards, and vegetable gardens. Instead of focusing on one particular gardening style, he covers many different schools of thought and practices. Check this one out, I am sure you will enjoy it.

Harvest McCampbell

An uncommonly valuable book.

Paul Hawken, author and businessman

Robert's knowledge of landscape techniques and data is encyclopedic. When designing, I have often wished I had such knowledge at my fingertips. So much of what he covers is not available elsewhere. This book expands the frontiers of edible landscaping.

Rosalind Creasy, author The Complete Book of Edible Landscaping and Earthly Delights

This is an important book... to read and own. I am going to inaugurate such a system of natural planting.

Helen Nearing, author and homesteader

Written in an engaging, jargon-free style, this book is an excellent guide to landscaping and is indispensable to the beginner and experienced gardener alike. It almost drags you into the yard to apply many of the ideas presented here for the first time. Highly recommended.

Dr John Quinney, executive director New Alchemy Institute

It's an excellent manual for designing and maintaining a garden that incorporates both ornamental and edible trees, shrubs and herbaceous plants. At 400 pages, this book covers every issue that may arise in your garden! Kourik offers only organic methods—a must when you're planting edible plants shoulder-to-shoulder with, for instance, roses—and he dispels many myths, too. The book includes a foreword by Rosalind Creasy, well known for her own edible/ornamental garden.

Review by Meghan Shinn on www.hortmag.com

Kourik's colour photos and Massion's art effectively illustrate a text that fulfils the title's promise. The author's advice is sound and practical. This is a valuable guide to the holistic approach to gardening, which relies on natural fertilizers and avoids chemicals. Kourik, who frequently appears on TV and lectures nationally, includes recipes that use the wide variety of foods featured.

Review on publishersweekly.com

Robert Kourik's flawlessly researched and referenced book is based on his years as a landscape architect, tempting clients to include edible plants in their ornamental gardens.

Review on www.thewaldeneffect.org

The pictures prove that areas featuring vegetables, herbs, fruit- and nut-bearing trees and other edibles can be beautiful. From cover crops to choosing apple tree varieties it's packed full of information. Excellent advice on pruning. This book is a must for anyone who has ever wanted to grow an edible garden. Appendixes are voluminous and cover some unusual aids (e.g., estimating amounts of materials needed for landscaping projects)

Review by gardenarian on www.davesgarden.com



ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Robert Kourik is a landscape architect who has taken on design projects of all sizes, shapes and textures - water gardens, paths and patios, elegant arbors, habitat gardens, innovative home playgrounds, outdoor barbecue areas, deer-resistant gardens and landscapes and low-profile and attractive deer fences, to name just a few.

Robert believes that it is thanks to, not despite, his lack of formal training which allowed him to interpret this new interdisciplinary and original approach to gardening and landscaping. His work focuses primarily on organic, natural, sustainable, integrated systems, permaculture and appropriate horticulture methods.