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Shrubs for Gardens, Agroforestry and Permaculture

by Martin Crawford

Learn about the incredible range of useful shrubs for many different situations, large and small. World renown expert, Martin Crawford, reveals favoured varieties of common fruit bushes like currants and gooseberries, and many other less-known shrubs with edible fruits, nuts, leaves, or other parts.

Martin takes us on a journey into the world of exotic spice trees, shrubs with medicinal parts, and plants that fix nitrogen to help fertilise other plants. All these can be grown in temperate climates, diversifying our diets, enabling us to plan and plant beautiful, productive gardens, as well as showing us how we can integrate agroforestry into our smallholdings and farms to create new income streams.

Scientists are urgently calling for carbon emission reductions. This is where we come in: whether we are farmer, gardener or plant collector, by planting shrubs that sequester carbon, we can minimise our carbon footprint. On a broadscale, perennial and woody species are the way forward to minimise carbon emissions in agriculture. Woody crops sequester carbon in their biomass, but can also be grown in systems which allow for sequestration of large amounts of carbon in the soil.

“Martin Crawford has spent years meticulously researching plants for gardens and farms. He is both visionary and utterly practical, an invaluable combination.”
Maddy Harland, co-founder and editor of *Permaculture Magazine*

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After several years working in organic agriculture and horticulture, Martin Crawford founded the Agroforestry Research Trust in 1992. Since then he has focused on researching and growing perennial food systems including forest gardens and orchards of nut trees and uncommon fruits. He runs the nursery at ART which propagates and sells many different tree and perennial plants and is the author of many popular books and papers.

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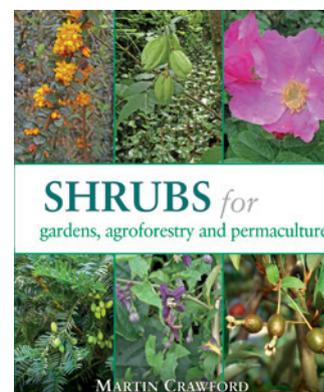
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