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‘Greening’ your garden with native plants

Sunny Balsamroot and deep purple Penstemon in spring, Scarlet gilia and gold-russet Gaillardia in summer, and fiery orange-red Sumac in fall: just a few of the native plant treasures of our dry Northwest Interior which can add colour, a natural look, and beneficial critters to your garden. These plants are relatively easy to care for and generally need little irrigation. What’s not to like about these plants?! The aim of this book is to greatly increase their presence in private and public landscapes for ecological and aesthetic reasons.

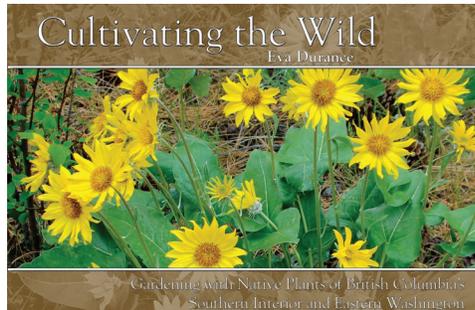
Cultivating the Wild; gardening with native plants of British Columbia’s Southern Interior and Eastern Washington (March, 2009: \$22.95 soft cover) is the first comprehensive guide to gardening with indigenous plants of these areas. The central part of the book has non-technical descriptions of 78 trees, shrubs, and herbaceous perennials in their natural settings, together with landscape uses and care. The book is lavishly illustrated with colour photographs for each species and four basic garden designs in colour, including native only, and native and non-native plant combinations.

Introductory material goes beyond the gardening aspects to include brief accounts of the ecology and climatic conditions of the areas covered, the importance of planting native species to help counteract the decline in their wild populations, and the garden conditions best for native species. Recognizing that most gardeners prefer a wide variety of plants, the author provides the basic principles of xeriscape gardening and information on how to combine native plants with more standard nursery offerings.

“Eva Durance’s extensive knowledge of native plants, nature, and gardening in the region are evident throughout this valuable resource. This book 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.

Eva is a life-long gardener, naturalist, and writer with particular interest in indigenous plants of North America. Originally from Southwestern Ontario, she has lived in the Penticton area since 1990. As a Landscape Designer, she specializes in public and private xeriscapes which incorporate native plants.

Eva presents slide shows and talks on native plants and xeriscape gardening, together with book sales and signing. To book an event, call 250-492-0158.



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