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The Bee-Friendly Garden: Design An Abundant, Flower-Filled Yard That Nurtures Bees And Supports Biodiversity



Synopsis

For every gardener who cares about the planet, this guide to designing a bee garden helps you create a stunningly colorful, vibrant, healthy habitat that attracts both honeybees and native bees. In *The Bee-Friendly Garden*, award-winning garden designer Kate Frey and bee expert Gretchen LeBuhn provide everything you need to know to create a dazzling garden that helps both the threatened honeybee and our own native bees. No matter how small or large your space, and regardless of whether you live in the city, suburbs, or country, just a few simple changes to your garden can fight the effects of colony collapse disorder and the worldwide decline in bee population that threatens our global food chain. There are many personal benefits of having a bee garden as well! Bee gardens: contain a gorgeous variety of flowers bloom continuously throughout the seasons are organic, pesticide-free, and ecologically sustainable develop healthy and fertile soil attract birds, butterflies, and other beneficial insects increase the quantity of your fruit and vegetable harvest improve the quality, flavor, and size of your produce. Illustrated with spectacular full-color photos, *The Bee-Friendly Garden* debunks myths about bees, explains seasonal flower progression, and provides detailed instructions for nest boxes and water features. From “super blooming” flowers to regional plant lists and plants to avoid, *The Bee-Friendly Garden* is an essential tool for every gardener who cares about the planet and wants to make their yard a welcoming habitat for nature’s most productive pollinator.

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Winner of the American Horticultural Society 2017 Book Award"Even in drought, plant for bees; nectar-rich blooms help these important pollinators survive dry times. Learn how to attract bees (that don't chase humans) and increase your vegetable garden yields in the new book *The Bee-Friendly Garden*." *Sunset* magazine "Award-winning garden designers Frey and LeBuhn team up in this accessible book to offer gardeners solid advice on how to attract and encourage more bees." *Library Journal* "Worried about reports of massive bee die-offs and what the consequences will be to global food production? Look to *The Bee-Friendly Garden* for what you can do to help support your local bee populations." *Sierra* magazine "Most people don't understand the need to plant for pollinators to achieve productive vegetable gardens, or that pollination and beauty go together. This book underlines the importance and possibilities of flower-filled gardens that address our needs and create lovely and productive spaces around our homes." *Rosalind Creasy, author of Edible Landscaping* "What a delightful, necessary book! The authors deliver its important mission—encouraging bee gardening—simply, graciously, and thoroughly. Find inspiration here, and the tools to reconnect the land you steward with the web of life. Bee happy!" *Lauren Springer Ogden, garden designer, author of The Undaunted Garden, and coauthor of Plant-Driven Design and Waterwise Plants for Sustainable Gardens* "This book will make bees happy and healthy in gardens across the country." *Laurie Davies Adams, executive director of Pollinator Partnership* "Filled with 'practical information that any gardener can use, this book does an excellent job of focusing on a specific, sufficiently narrow subject,' notes Brian Thompson, especially one that has increasing significance to pollinator health. Mary Ann Newcomer appreciates the 'wide range of plant recommendations by region, making it a useful resource anywhere in North America.' From its in-depth, insightful discussions to its 'layout and photography, it's a well done book all the way through,' says Doug Oster." *The American Horticultural Society 2017 Book Awards Committee*

KATE FREY is an international garden designer and consultant specializing in sustainable, insect-hospitable landscaping and small farms. She won two gold medals at the Chelsea Garden Show in London for ecologically themed gardens and is a popular speaker at garden shows and clubs. She has written for *Gardens Illustrated* and *Pacific Horticulture* magazines, and lives in Hopland, CA. Learn more at freygardens.com. GRETCHEN LEBUHN is a professor of biology at San Francisco State University and the author/editor of two books on pollinators, *Field Guide to the Common Bees of California* and *Attracting Native Pollinators*. She is the founder and director of The

Great Sunflower Project (www.greatsunflower.org), a national citizen science program designed to gather information about bee diversity and activity.

For the beginner or the adept this book has something to offer. Geared towards those in the United States of America you can find just about any type of information you are looking for. Want to know what types of flowers it takes to attract a certain bee - okay. Want to know which plants will grow best in your area, from ground-cover to herb to shrub or tree, that also support bees - done. Need to know how these bees nest so you can make sure you have the habitat - easy. I made a video review which you can see here: [...] Another great feature of this book is that there are sections for what type of garden you might provide. For example, if you are looking to liven up your front yard but have to keep it within the requirements of your homeowners association there are excellent recommendations for plants that stay neat and tidy yet bloom for the bees. Perhaps you want a sprawling display throughout your backyard, just a small island of color, or a more functional border. The Bee-Friendly Garden addresses these and other needs with specific plant examples. Throughout the book you will find copious pictures which help you imagine what type of display you might best enjoy as well as understand what the recommended flowers actually look like! Speaking of flowers The Bee-Friendly Garden does a great job in using both common and botanical names - so not only can you recognize a specific name but you can take the botanical name to the nursery and be sure you are buying the correct cultivar. I was very pleased with the holistic approach of The Bee-Friendly Garden. It includes information from soil health, using native plants, avoiding chemicals, providing habitat and nesting for bees and even information about organizations you can become involved with to help support bees.

Read this book cover to cover. Enjoyed it and I like the fact it was easy to read and interesting. It can also be used as a reference and a coffee table book it is so pretty. Purchased a 2nd copy as a gift.

Interesting and good pics

I like the great pictures that help me to decide what to put in my garden.

Veru good resource that will enhance our bee friendly property.

Informative and well illustrated. Good as a guide or a gift.

I plan to use a lot of their ideas for my garden.

Very helpful for establishing a bee friendly garden!

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