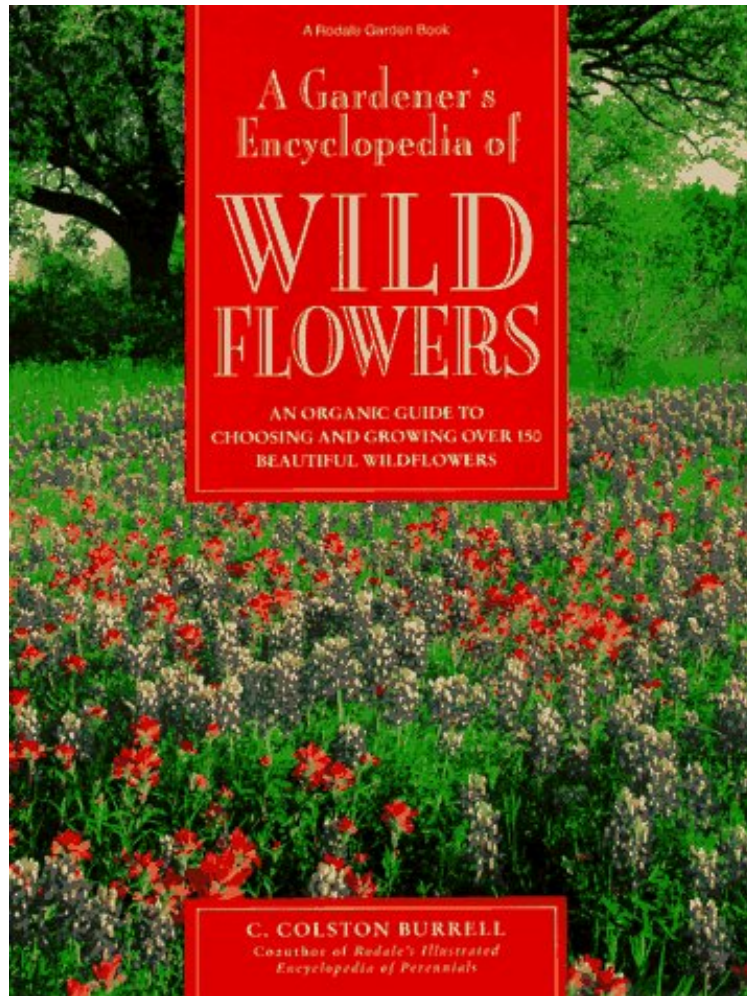


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for anything. I was really pleased how fast I received delivery. No waiting, no hassles. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Excellent context and detail. By I. Westray Colston Burrell seems to be a genuinely professional gardening writer, having written a general perennials book for Rodale too. I'm thoroughly impressed with this book, which does a very good job of placing species in both natural and garden contexts. It also gives adequate treatment to the basics of native garden care in some introductory chapters. A Gardener's Encyclopedia of Wildflowers is not a comprehensive reference; I haven't seen anything I'd call a definitive reference out there on native gardening. Intelligently, Burrell chooses to provide very complete descriptions of a representative sampling of 150-some native plants. In side bars, he sends up other species in slightly less detail, contrasting them with the full description he started from. The format works well. Native gardening is still at the point where you need to do a fair amount of poking around yourself to know what's appropriate to your area and your garden, and this book is a perfect starting point for that process. The other positive here for me personally was that Burrell is a Minneapolis author. I happen to also be in zone four, and really appreciated the fact that the book had a very healthy complement of species that are happy in northern gardens. The one absence I noticed was any detailed description of propagating each species. Good nursery catalogs -- Prairie Moon's being one -- include information on when to plant each type of seed, how long to cold stratify it, and so on. Here you get more of a basic description of how fall planting works, in an introductory chapter mostly. After a couple of years with my own garden, I can tell you that isn't quite enough to go by.

A Gardener's Encyclopedia of Wildflowers makes wildflower gardening as easy as mowing the lawn by teaching even beginning gardeners how to successfully prepare woodland, meadow and prairie gardens, and to add wildflowers to their standard garden beds. 250 color photos.