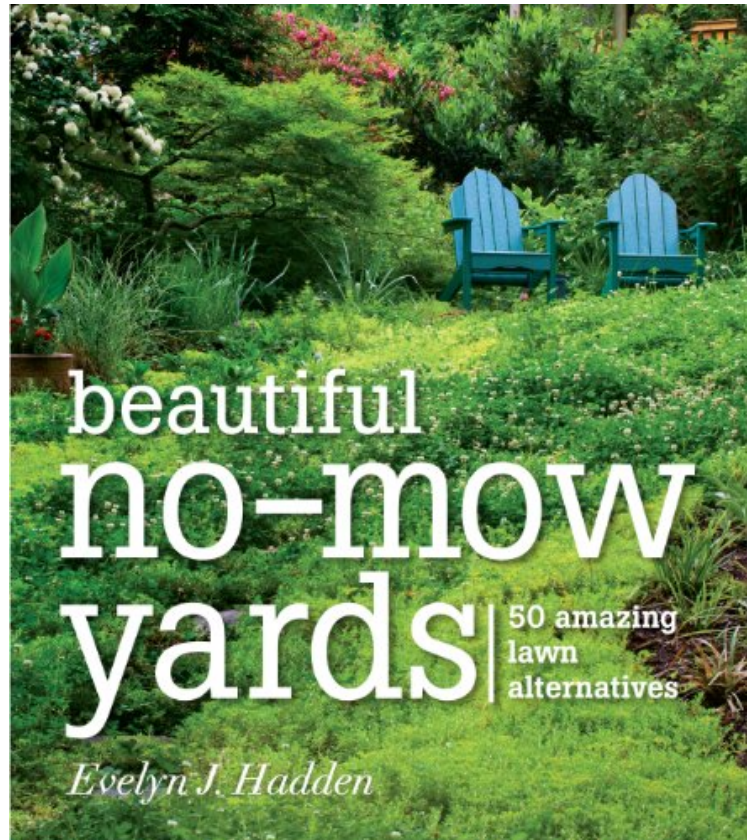


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Evelyn J. Hadden : Beautiful No-Mow Yards: 50 Amazing Lawn Alternatives before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Beautiful No-Mow Yards: 50 Amazing Lawn Alternatives:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Excellent overview of moving to non bluegrass landscaping By gt surber Beautiful No-Mow Yards: 50 Amazing Lawn Alternatives is an beautiful book on creating low maintenance, non blue grass lawns or garden areas. This book would serve very well as a coffee table book for any gardeners front room, as the pictures are plentiful, clear and vivid and colorful and well captioned and beautiful. The book comes in three sections. The first section, about half the book, are descriptions and illustrations of over 50 beautiful garden spaces that once were lawns and now are filled with a wide variety of plants. The locations are spread from Minnesota to Wisconsin to California, with enough information and examples given to enable gardeners in every state to benefit. Many of the images are beautiful closeups of the plant. There are enough wide angle shots to keep most of us happy. Several of these examples were designed and planted by professionals who specialize in creating non grass areas. The second section is how to kill of your old tired bluegrass or other base plants. Mrs. Hadden emphasizes non chemical means like mulch or biodegradable fabric or newspaper and cardboard. Very generalized suggestions for planting

techniques are made. These suggestions have to be very general in a book aimed nationwide. The third section is lists and descriptions of several different plants grouped by purpose. The book is well and clearly written. It reads well, although there is much information scattered through the text. It has an index. And the organization is well done so that much information can be refound by referencing the table of contents. Mrs. Hadden leans toward common, native plants. Her plant selection, while excellent, includes several that are garden thugs and very invasive, although that is a property desired for some locations. In the third section, the plants descriptions, she does include zone information. But the user of this book would be well advised to select the plants for their zone, habitat and range carefully. Mrs. Hadden does also state this repeatedly in the text. I do like her pushing us to use natives as they blend in better with our various niches and pollinators. This book is an excellent overview of moving into non blue grass landscaping. A good buy. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Returned IT By PauleNot what I expected.....I returned it and appreciated the easy return from .Not as many photos as I would have liked and most of the plants and ideas weren't suitable for my northern yard. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I love gardening books By KM-OI love gardening books, though often I find that like this one they're long on "inspiration" (2/3 of the book) but short on help for planning. While the book does advocate for planning based on your region, site, etc., it's less helpful than a beginner needs and more basic than an old hand needs. The author discusses some how-to's and gives some plant recommendations for specific purposes within the no-mow yard, there's little to help one design by region, by type of site (northern vs southern vs. midwest vs southwest vs northwest, etc. Dry high mountains in west vs wetter, lower mountains in AR/OK and east, vs all kinds of flat lands, etc. Large vs. small city vs town, etc.). Over all a nice book to read, but probably minimal help other than to look up plants and since only about a quarter of ones recommended are native, it won't take long to go through those.

With Beautiful No-Mow Yards, you can transform your lawn into a livable garden and bring nature's beauty into your life! What has your perfect green lawn done for you lately? Is it really worth the time, effort, and resources you lavish on it? Armed with encouragement, inspiration, and cutting-edge advice from award-winning author Evelyn Hadden, you can liberate yourself at last! In this ultimate guide to rethinking your yard, Hadden showcases dozens of inspiring, eco-friendly alternatives to that demanding (and dare we say boring?) green turf. Trade your lawn for a lively prairie or replace it with a runoff-reducing rain garden. Swap it for an interactive adventure garden or convert it to a low-maintenance living carpet.

"... hands down one of the best garden writers I've had the pleasure of reading. I have a large library of gardening books, most with excellent content, but few rival the elegant and graceful prose of Beautiful No-Mow Yards." - (Garden Up! co-author Susan Morrison, Blue Planet Garden Blog)"... an abundance of beautiful and inspiring photos that clearly illustrate all of the author's suggestions. Readers who are intent on eliminating the traditional lawn will be delighted by the endless possibilities they will find in this timely publication." (Allan Becker, BookPleasures)"A well-written book, appealing and generous with information, and worth adding to the library." (Jill Billington, Gardens Illustrated)"Beautiful No-Mow Yards showcases numerous eco-friendly alternatives to that voracious green turf... With drought and the likelihood of hosepipe bans forcing many of us to reconsider our gardening strategies, this book is a useful addition to our library." (Sarah Milliken, Garden Design Journal)From the AuthorHi. I'm Evelyn Hadden, and I wrote Beautiful No-Mow Yards to show you that you have a lot of alternatives to that boring, lifeless lawn. Part 1 offers design inspiration, with a chapter devoted to each of the following: shade gardens, living carpets, prairie and meadow gardens, patios, rain gardens, play areas, ponds, xeric gardens, stroll gardens, edible gardens, and smarter lawns. In these chapters you'll meet gardeners from coast to coast and learn from their successes. For instance, Marte planted a different groundcover under each of her trees. Tom and Karen dine outdoors all summer with a lively prairie garden as the floor show. Jay fills his woodland garden with nonstop color, and showy natives bloom under Michelle's mature maple trees. Lisa replaced her whole back lawn with a pond. Julie's family built a patio for pennies. Roy and Rosadelia grow food in their elegant front yard. Ann and Roger's low-care lawn uses half the water of standard turfgrass, while Peggy only mows hers once a year. You may mow to give your kids a place to run, but for healthy brains and bodies, they also need to climb, to make their own dens, and to interact with plants and animals. Learn from the experts how to find and make creativity-boosting play areas for your kids. Now that you're inspired, Part 2 shows you how to get there, helping you convert your lawn to topsoil, add life to your design, and make sure that mother nature does more of the work than you do. It even gives tips for making your lawn more self-sustaining. Part 3 introduces 100 choice ground-layer plants, with clues to their behavior to help you site and combine them successfully. Not all the plants, designs, or strategies presented throughout the book will work for every site or region, but you'll find enough information to make more educated choices about what might work best for your particular site and your style of gardening. The message of this book, in a nutshell, is that no-mow yards support more life -- not only wildlife, but your family's life outdoors. That's my wish for all of us. About the AuthorEvelyn Hadden writes and speaks about nature-friendly, soul-satisfying landscapes. She founded the informational website LessLawn in 2001. Her garden memoir Apprentice to a Garden chronicles the joys, challenges, and life lessons of transforming her urban

yard into a naturalistic landscape. The photo-rich *Shrink Your Lawn: Design ideas for any landscape* presents many ideas and illustrations from her talks and won a silver medal from Independent Publisher's 2009 Living Now Book Awards. Evelyn is a founding member of the national Lawn Reform Coalition, a resource for ecologically sound lawns and lawn alternatives. She gardens in Minnesota and travels across the country visiting gardens and speaking to other gardeners about eco-friendly landscaping with less lawn.