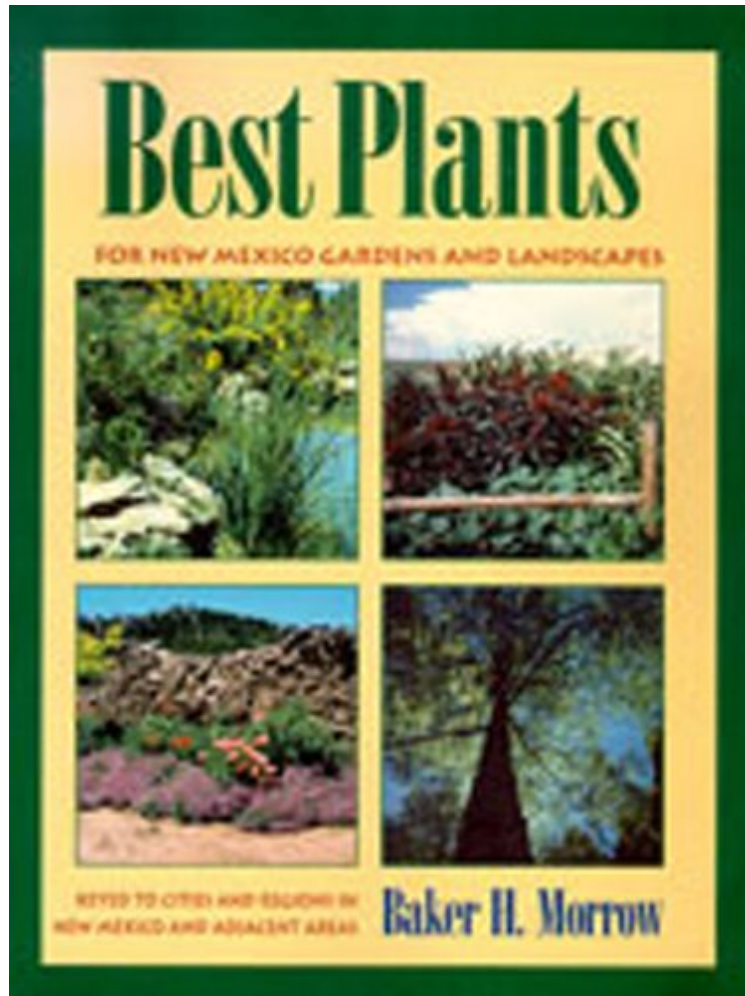


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The best book for the far-West Texas and New Mexico gardener and rancher. By Christopher Best Plants for New Mexico Gardens and Landscapes It is difficult to find good advice on suitable plants for the deserts of Northern Mexico, far-West Texas and New Mexico, because such advice is geographically generalized, whereas within short distances across the deserts, there is so much variation in

temperature, rainfall and elevation. This is the most useful book I have read on this topic. It breaks New Mexico into many zones according to all of these. Best plants are given for each major city, according to trees, shrubs, ground covers, grasses, vines, and flowers with many subcategories of each. This method of organizing information is very useful. Gardeners in far-West Texas and Northern Chihuahua can reference New Mexico towns and cities that correspond to their elevations, rainfall and temperatures. For example we ranch and garden in the high-desert mountains of far-West Texas, near Van Horn but 1,000 feet higher. We are only 100-miles from El Paso, but many plants that would grow there will not tolerate our winds and cold weather. Our home sits at 5,200 feet in an 11-inch rainfall area. After reading this book I realized that our micro-climate aligns with Albuquerque, not El Paso or Alpine. I have used the 1994 edition of this book for 20-years. The revised edition was published in 2016. It has added schematics for planting, a few photos and several plants. It has deleted at least two useful trees. Of these, the removal of the Siberian Elm is a disservice to gardeners: Siberian Elm is by far the most useful tree in our area, which is why the original edition contained 21 references to it. Notwithstanding that exception, I strongly recommend either edition, both of which are available through .1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Best Plants for New Mexico Gardens and Landscapes By Rick BI received the Used book quickly and in very good condition, exactly as advertised. The book contains detailed information relating to which plants work best in the widely varied micro-climates of New Mexico. The information concerning planting, use, planning and care of all types of plants is extremely helpful and inspiring. Common names of plants are used throughout the book making it very easy to shop. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Outstanding book specifically for landscaping in New Mexico. By T. L. Allen This is probably one of the best books that I have seen so far with regards to pictures and narrative requirements showing which plants are good for planting in New Mexico. Thanks.

New Mexico gardeners have long needed this book--a careful guide to the trees, shrubs, ground covers, and smaller plants that thrive in the state's many life zones and climates. In a state where the altitude varies from 3,000 feet above sea level at Carlsbad, to 13,000 feet at Mount Wheeler near Taos, where the annual rainfall is anywhere from 7 inches at White Sands to 30 inches in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, where the soil is loose and gravelly, or thick and hard, or dark and rich, this guide, organized by regions and specific cities, will be especially useful. It also includes information on adjacent areas in Colorado and Arizona and in El Paso. In addition to the top hundred-plus species for each location, the author provides suggestions for more adventurous gardeners and information on historic landscapes around the state. He also points out a favorite well-planned and well-maintained garden or landscape that is open to the public in each community. A landscape architect in Albuquerque for twenty-five years, Baker Morrow is intimately acquainted with how things grow in New Mexico. He is also generous in sharing his personal preferences. He mentions the species he likes "for their toughness, adaptability, and sturdy beauty in a difficult climate," and also the ones he admires for "their cheerfulness and their ability to grace our lives with shade, with helpful protection from the wind, and an endless series of wonderful colors." With many hundreds of native and exotic species readily available, no New Mexico gardener can afford to be without this book.

aThis sensational new book . . . will offer the reader essential information. This unquestionably will be the standard against which future Southwestern gardening books are measured. aFrom the Inside Flap A thorough, richly illustrated and practical guide to what grows best in every part of the state and adjacent areas. About the Author Baker H. Morrow, FASLA, is a landscape architect in Albuquerque and an associate professor at the University of New Mexico. He is also the author of *Horses Like the Wind* (stories of Africa). He is the founding director of the master's program in landscape architecture at the University of New Mexico.