

# Cacti and Succulents for Cold Climates: 274 Outstanding Species for Challenging Conditions

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**Leo J. Chance : Cacti and Succulents for Cold Climates: 274 Outstanding Species for Challenging Conditions** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Cacti and Succulents for Cold Climates: 274 Outstanding Species for Challenging Conditions:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A "Rule of thumb" book  
By pete pinette  
The author makes no pretensions that this is a definitive book about growing cold hardy succulents, and it falls short of that, so no foul incurred. It is a very good book for encouraging people who live in dry climates to try their hand at growing xeric plants. The first part, dealing with Western Hemisphere natives, is definitely above average. The part dealing with African plants is a bit muddled and could have been omitted without great loss of content to the book itself. Overall, I recommend this book for anybody who has a little knowledge about growing succulents; a beginner would waste a lot

of money on plants without a basic understanding of succulent needs. I think it will open the eyes of gardeners who wonder about growing these very desirable plants in climates where winter temperatures are consistently below freezing. Two things I did not like. One, he refers to the common Jade Plant as *Crassula argentea*. This name was retired years ago for *Crassula ovata*. not a problem, since everybody agrees it is an aside in the book and cannot persist where freezing temperatures occur. Secondly, he brings a smile to my lips when he refers to Missouri (or was it Oklahoma?) as one of the "wetter" areas where a plant could grow. Taken as a marker, this should tell the reader of the intended climates for the book. All in all, still a good book, where the 'Rule of Thumb' is, if you live in a dry climate, you should be able to approximate the range of species illustrated. The author's enthusiasm comes through best when dealing with North American plants. The pictures in the Kindle edition are regrettable, line drawings would serve better, but that is no fault of the author. This is one case where nothing beats holding a paper book in your hands.

13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. great resource for info on cold-hardy succulants  
By Robert W. Millison  
Just finished reading this and was very impressed. Mr. Chance provides info I've never found anywhere else and does it with a sense of humor. I'm very pleased with my purchase look forward to locating, obtaining, and growing many of the plants listed in this book. My only critique is I wish there were pictures for every plant listed/described, and I wish all of the pictures stated which plants are shown in the pictures. Overall, the best book I've seen on cold-hardy succulants.

9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. An Aesthetic and Useful Reference  
By Capt. Bill  
The book includes fine photographs of common and rare Genus and species of cold hardy desert plants. It is rife with well codified details of propagation from seed and cuttings, of growth media and transplanting, and maintaining cacti and succulents in tough desert climates with extremes in heat and cold. Sources of common and rare species are included. If you want to groom a cactus garden with success through rugged winters, you will greatly appreciate this book.

There are many reasons to grow cacti and other succulents they're drought-tolerant, low-maintenance, and they look great. But what about hardiness? For those who thought that these spectacular plants were only for gardens in California and the Southwest, guess again hundreds are fully cold-hardy and can be grown outdoors from New England to British Columbia, Wisconsin to Texas. *Cacti and Succulents for Cold Climates* is filled with inspirational portraits of 274 plants that can be used to create drought-tolerant gardens, as well as tips from regional experts who have mastered the art of growing cacti in parts of the country not usually associated with high temperatures or a scarcity of water. Expert Leo Chance describes how to prepare planting beds, how to get plants well established, how to handle cacti during planting, how to protect plants from cold winters, and when and how much to water.

This book is an invaluable tool for reinforcing the message that it is indeed possible to create eye-catching, low-water gardens. . . . I recommend that you get your hands on this essential guide to the techniques and plants that can take these tough conditions in stride without sacrificing appeal.

American Gardener In a friendly, narrative style. . . . Leo addresses important topics like understanding hardiness. . . . Im thrilled to have [it] on my bookshelf.

Pacific Horticulture Provides tips from regional experts, as well as descriptions on how to prepare planting beds, protect plants in winter, and maintain them long-term. His book makes a good case for growing these plants, no matter where you live.

Phoenix Home and Garden Will be a welcome gift for anyone who loves these droughty plants no matter where they live.

Palm Springs Desert Sun Leo Chance has written a splendid book. *Cacti Succulents for Cold Climates* is the result of six years of summer gardening, winter writing, and lots of encouragement from fellow lovers of prickly and fleshy plants.

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