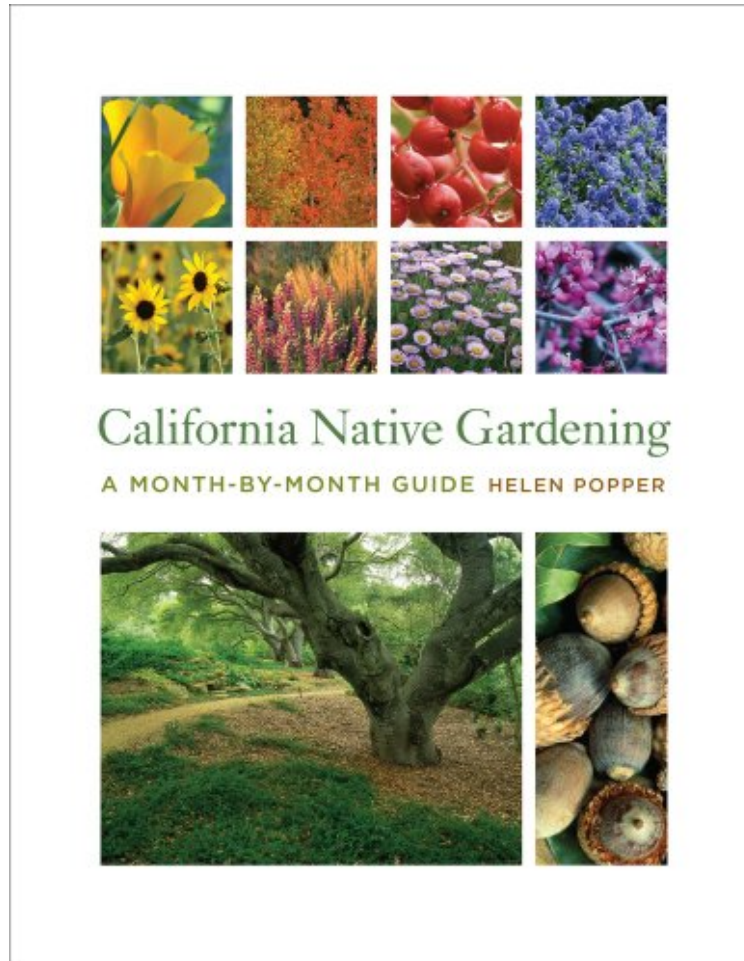


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Very Informative
By R. Sunderland Very informative. If you are new to California natives as I am, you need this book. From plant descriptions, to planting guides, to pruning and seasonal variations, a lot is in this book. The drought caused me to rethink my landscaping methods. I am so happy that I made the conversion. Being a California native myself, I now realize how much the California flora is part of my being. Bringing that flora into my home has been a wonderful experience. The smells and sights are wonderful. Much better than the landscaping I learned from my parents (which is not intended to be a slam against them, just saying!!!).

This is the first month-by-month guide to gardening with native plants in a state that follows a unique, nontraditional seasonal rhythm. Beginning in October, when much of California leaves the dry season behind and prepares for its own green spring, Helen Popper provides detailed, calendar-based information for both beginning and experienced native gardeners. Each month's chapter lists gardening tasks, including repeated tasks and those specific to each season. Popper offers planting and design ideas, and explains core gardening techniques such as pruning, mulching, and propagating. She tells how to use native plants in traditional garden styles, including Japanese, herb, and formal gardens, and recommends places for viewing natives. An essential year-round companion, this beautifully written and illustrated book nurtures the twin delights of seeing wild plants in the garden and garden plants in the wild.

Eminently readable. . . . The native gardener in California should not be without it.