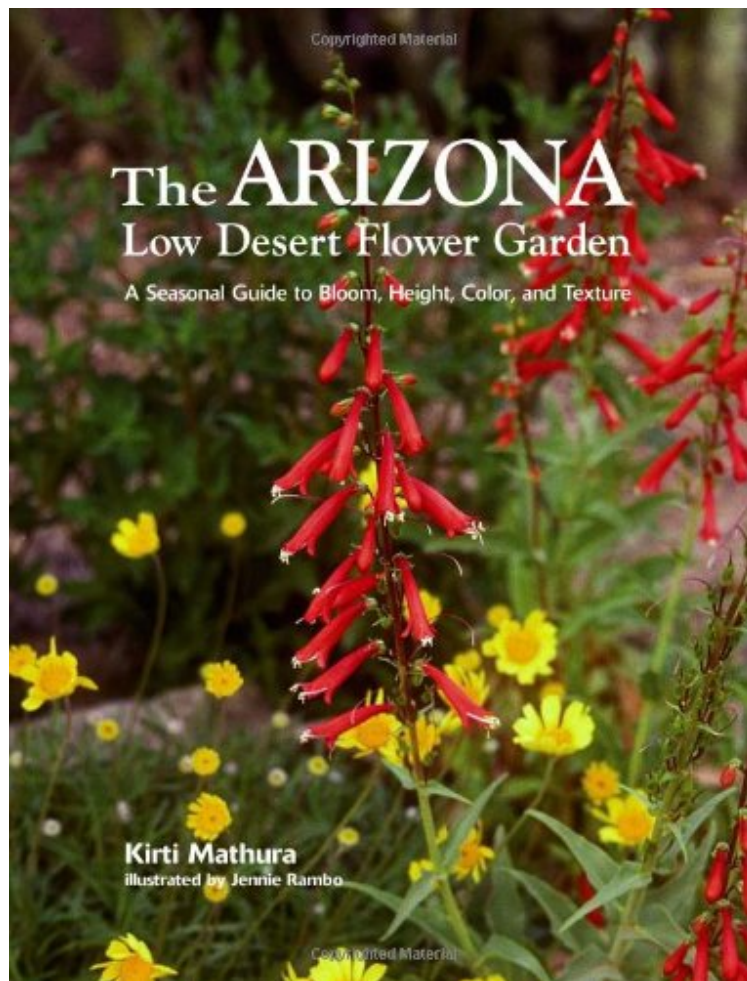


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The Arizona Low Desert Flower Garden A Seasonal Guide to Bloom, Height, Color, and Texture Kirti Mathura Illustrated by Jennie Rambo The Arizona Low Desert Flower Garden serves as the perfect guide to designing, planning, and caring for a garden in this complex climate. This book features easy-to-use tri-cut flip pages that make it a snap to compare plants and visualize how colors will blend in the garden, as well as to compare growing season, height at bloom stage, propagation method, and sunlight requirements for hundreds of low-water plants. Includes: Temperature variations of the region. USDA Hardiness Zone Maps. Fertilization, sun exposure, plant maintenance, and soil information. Information for choosing plant shape, color, contrast, texture, and seasonal interest to achieve an overall desired look. Information on low-water and water-conserving gardening (Xeriscaping). A complete resource section.

From the Back Cover The Arizona Low Desert Flower Garden features easy-to-use tri-cut flip pages that make it a snap to compare height, color, and growing season of hundreds of low desert plants. At-a-glance symbols indicate water requirements, along with whether the plants attract birds, butterflies, or caterpillars. The Arizona Low Desert Flower Garden includes: Temperature variations of the region USDA Hardiness Zone Map Fertilization, sun exposure, plant maintenance, and soil information Information for choosing plant shape, color, contrast, texture, and seasonal interest Information on water-conserving gardening (xeriscaping) A complete resource section Kirti Mathura has a BA in botany and environmental biology from the University of Montana. She has worked at the Desert Botanical Garden in Phoenix, Arizona, in different capacities since 1994; currently, she serves as curator of the gardens shrub collection and horticulturist of the herb and vegetable gardens. Mathura is a member of the Central Arizona Cactus and Succulent Society, the Arizona Native Plant Society, the Arizona Herb Association (past president and past board member), and the Herb Society of America. She is an active Master Gardener About the Author Kirti Mathura is the curator of the shrub collection and the horticulturist responsible for the herb and vegetable gardens at the Desert Botanical Garden. She has been featured on HGTV's "Gardening by the Yard," as well as in publications including the Arizona Republic. Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. *Aloysia gratissima* (*Aloysia lycioides*) Bee brush, whitebrush This native woody shrub may be large, but if you delight in butterflies, hummingbirds, finches, or sweet fragrance you must include it in your garden. The tiny, white (sometimes lavender-tinged) flowers, borne in spikes at branch tips, appear from spring through fall. They provide an enchanting lilac-like fragrance and hold enough nectar to lure both hummingbirds and butterflies. Finches flock to this bush to feast on its tiny seeds. The small, oblong foliage is muted green and rough in texture and is held on somewhat brittle, pale whitish tan stems. Bee brush typically grows at least 6 feet tall and 6 to 8 feet wide. It finds most soils acceptable. Although it can tolerate some shade, place it in a sunny area to promote continued bloom throughout the warm season. Bee brush may be winter deciduous, but holds its foliage if situated in a sheltered spot.