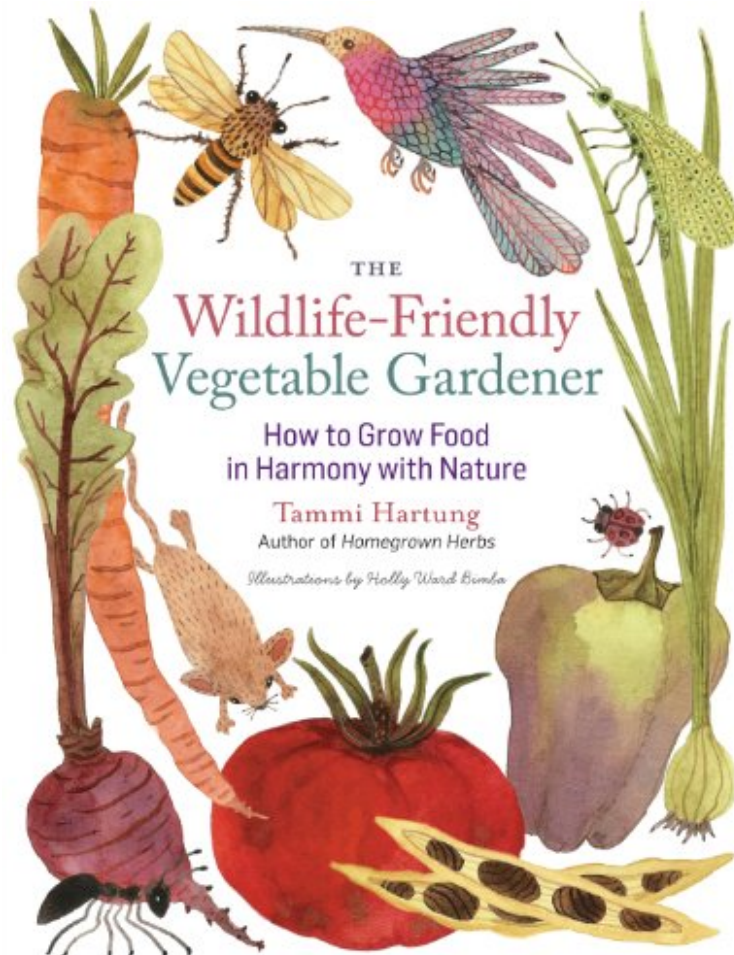


# The Wildlife-Friendly Vegetable Gardener: How to Grow Food in Harmony with Nature

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**Tammi Hartung : The Wildlife-Friendly Vegetable Gardener: How to Grow Food in Harmony with Nature** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Wildlife-Friendly Vegetable Gardener: How to Grow Food in Harmony with Nature:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Friendly, readable, and full of practical advice. By cat sFull of practical advice on living with wildlife while still enjoying the fruits of your labor. Focused on encouraging natural predators to control insects and on blocking, deterring, diverting, or distracting larger wildlife without harming them. Tammy Hartung writes from experience, and makes note of specifics where the readers situation may differ from hers (her land is high and arid) and require different handling. If you are interested in living with nature rather than engaging in a war you will never win, this book is worth reading.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful.

This book is a MUST-READ for every gardener, part-time to hard-core! By Dr. John T. Webb I wish that I had been able to read this book 50 years ago!! While I have used one or two of her ideas over the years, the whole book makes me appreciate the values of living with 'wildlife,' even in the midst of 'civilization.' I have recommended this tome to our local extension office, and to three of our favorite garden clubs across Indiana and Illinois. No real gardener can do without the ideas expounded, although some may have to borrow a library's copy in lieu of a purchase. I of 1 people found the following review helpful. Wildlife-Friendly Vegetable Gardener is a winner. Both Informative and Entertaining. By respect 2014 "Wildlife" is written in a manner easily understood by the beginning gardener. Even on a small lot, I am able to divide the area allowing multi-purposing for gardening and sharing with wildlife. Clues are given to include desired creatures while providing information to keep pests away. Being a transparent writer, Hartung also speaks of "home remedies" that may have worked for other gardeners, but not for her (drier sheets). However, one must also note that it is easy to be mesmerized by the marvelous artwork. The book is visually entertaining. There are days when I just look at the pictures.

This one-of-a-kind book shows you how to create a peaceful co-existence between your vegetable garden and the wildlife who consider it part of their habitat. By understanding and working with the surrounding environment instead of continually fighting it you'll reap a larger harvest with much less stress and effort. Tammi Hartung explains how to start with a hardy and healthy garden, create beneficial relationships through smart planting, attract helpful insects and pollinators, intentionally create habitats for wildlife, and much more.

From Booklist Anyone who has ever planted and maintained a backyard vegetable garden understands the struggles of keeping pests at bay, whether they're tiny and creep on six legs or furry and walk on all fours. The good news, which internationally renowned herbalist and organic gardener Hartung shares in this easy-to-follow guidebook, is that an abundance of time-tested, nontoxic techniques can easily protect your garden without causing undue harm to wildlife. In eight colorfully illustrated chapters, Hartung offers a range of invaluable strategies for designing gardens that keep the critters out without hurting them, such as borders of parsley that rabbits will munch on instead of lettuce, and built-in, bird-friendly habitats that encourage our winged friends to feed on bothersome bugs. Beginning with proper soil preparation, the author also covers such basics as crop rotation, water sources, whether or not to use organic pesticides, and growing backbone plants like hedgerows where beneficial creatures can nest. Novice and expert vegetable growers alike will find Hartung's well-presented advice both revelatory and warmly reassuring. --Carl Hays "Novice and expert vegetable growers alike will find Hartung's well-presented advice both revelatory and warmly reassuring." (Booklist) "Hartung issues a call for gardeners to work with varmints and critters rather than view them as hostile combatants and offers a delightful guide for how to undertake the challenge simply and organically." (Publishers Weekly) "Easy to read and colorfully illustrated with charming drawings, this title will inspire you to get your hands dirty and to rethink your relationship with nature." (Taste for Life Magazine) "The Wildlife-Friendly Vegetable Gardener is part how-to book, and part philosophical treatise on life, imploring us to 'embrace imperfection and impermanence, and maybe even a bit of chaos at times, as part of working with natural processes.' No matter what you're doing, this is sage advice." (The American Gardener) "Tammi Hartung offers smart strategies for peaceful garden coexistence...Gardeners can design a wildlife-friendly garden, all with one beautifully illustrated book." (Phoenix Home Garden) "From her successful organic herb farm, Tammi Hartung has learned that edible plants can be grown in harmony with wildlife. Her message is not that everything wild is good, but that we can tolerate it all without turning our gardens into a killing field. By carefully observing not just the individual plants but the entire ecosystem in which they grow, we can better appreciate all the roles that wildlife play in our gardens." (Better Homes Gardens Country Gardens) "Lovingly, sweetly, intelligently, the book opens up new physical and spiritual ground, on which our gardens will grow best on account of the presence of insects and animals, not in spite of them. From the management of manure to proper protection from real pests, no garden stone is left unturned." (Bookpage) "One of the most charming new gardening books is The Wildlife-Friendly Vegetable Gardener" (The Napa Valley Register) From the Back Cover Enhance Your Relationship with Nature Make beneficial wildlife part of your food-garden ecosystem: They'll pollinate your plants, feed on pests, and leave behind manure to nourish your soil. Tammi Hartung has spent years observing natural rhythms and animal habits in her garden, a peaceful place where perennials attract pollinators, ponds house slug-eating bullfrogs, mulch protects predator insects in the soil, mint gently deters unwanted mice, and hedgerows shelter and feed many kinds of wildlife. Her successful methods are a positive step toward a healthier garden. "Into a world of shrinking habitat and increasing concern about food safety comes a book that addresses both concerns, allowing readers to construct and maintain vegetable gardens that help preserve our population of native insects, butterflies, and birds." (Ed Snodgrass, author of The Green Roof Manual and Small Green Roofs)