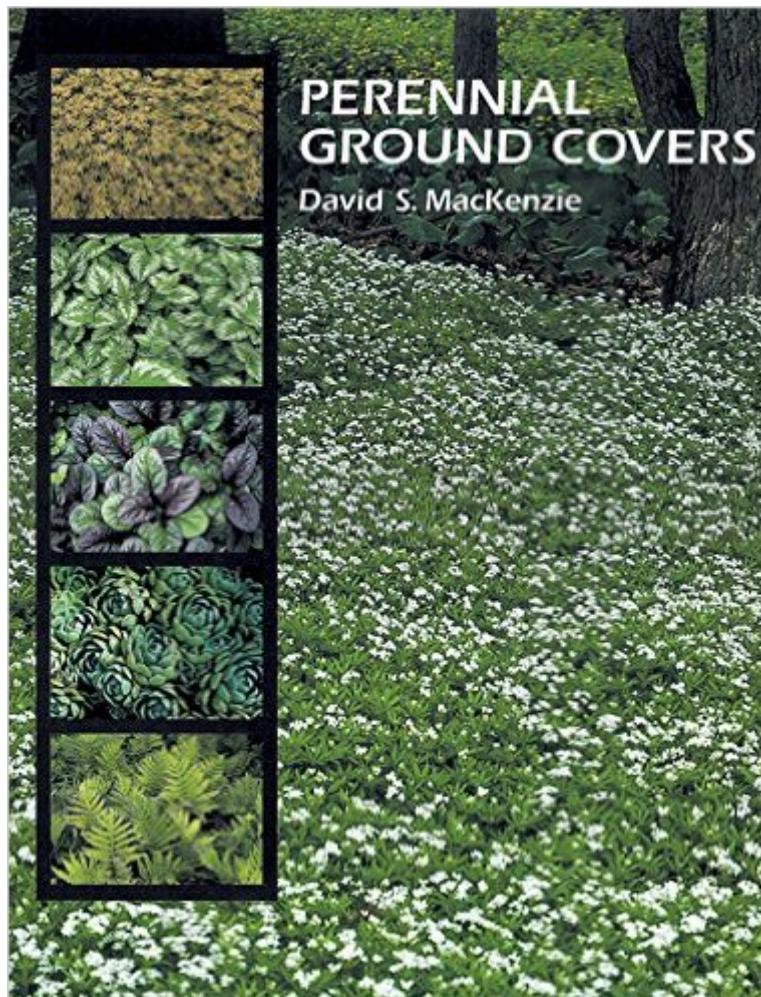


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# Perennial Ground Covers



## Synopsis

Ground covers take on new meaning in this enlightening book designed to make gardeners' work easier. Hostas, stonecrops, smaller rhododendrons, prayer plants, pyracanthas, box huckleberry, hellebores, daylilies, grasses, alpine willows, and unsupported climbing vines are just some of MacKenzie's imaginative suggestions. Even *Gunnera manicata*, a 6-foot-tall, 8-foot-wide plant, is suggested for some situations!

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Perennial Ground Covers is a great example of the high standards of Timber Press publishing of horticultural subjects. MacKenzie does an overall exceptional job at breaking down hundreds of species of both traditional and non-traditional groundcovers. Many of the plants included here are clever and reasonable additions to those that would normally be considered groundcovers, while some step over a few bounds, with no harm done nonetheless, to be included in this group. This reference book is best for those with just a little more than basic plant knowledge, but can be just as helpful for the beginner. It is refreshing in its approach that does not baby the reader as it does not assume they know nothing about plants at all. The breakdown of this book consists of an introduction, including an explanation on nomenclature, a section of plates of each groundcover included in the book, a non-picture section of species in alphabetical order, and an outstanding appendix of characteristics in table form for all of the plants included. One main drawback of the book is a lack of family names of species that have descriptions. This is where a grouping by

relationship or by environmental conditions would be better than an alphabetical listing. I appreciate that the pictures were kept together in a separate section, rather than including them alongside each description. This makes for easier use for reference. I would recommend this book to anyone interested in a reference for both groundcovers and perennials as two individual groups of plants.

Amazingly complete, used this in combination with Taylor's Guide to Ground Covers and Taylor's Guide to Shade Gardening. No more trying to grow grass under trees where no grass will ever grow. Go with the flow, plant something else. It can be perennial and drought-resistant and native if you just read a little! Quit being frustrated by your shady areas!

I bought this after first taking it out of our local library, because I knew I would want to take notes in it, etc. Very informative, with excellent photographic plates. The author's dry tone and occasional pithy observations make this book an enjoyable read, full of useful facts.

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