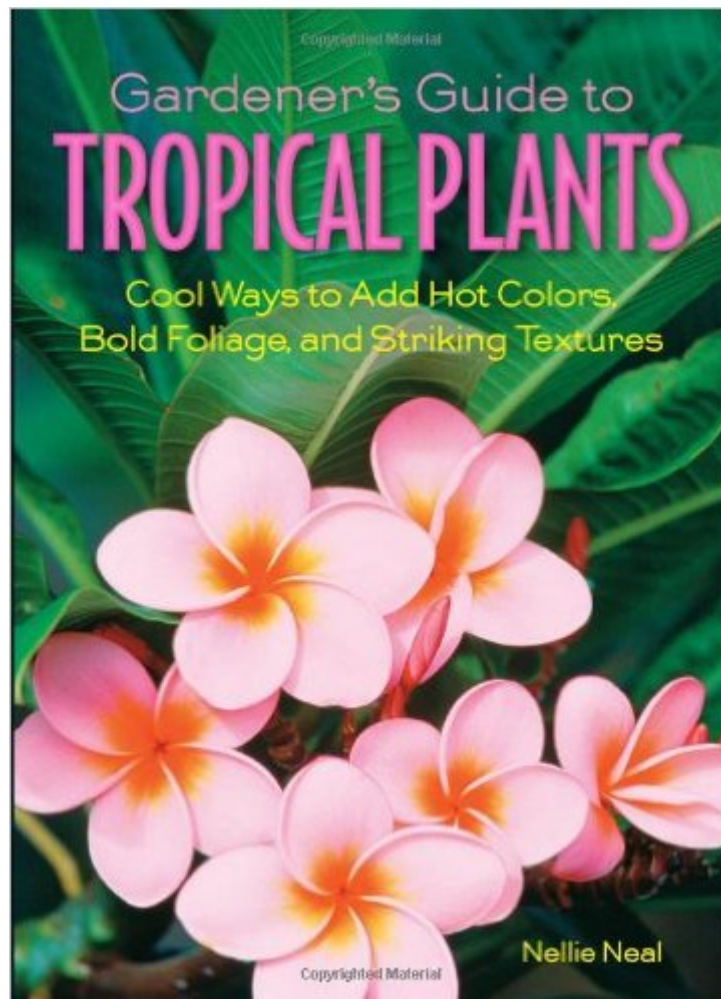


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# Gardener's Guide To Tropical Plants: Cool Ways To Add Hot Colors, Bold Foliage, And Striking Textures (Gardener's Guides)



## Synopsis

Now gardeners can bring an exotic flair to their gardens by introducing the color, textures, and fabulous foliage of tropical plants. Not just for hot climates anymore, bromeliads, orchids, bananas, palms, birds of paradise, elephant ears, canna, and more can bring a touch of the tropics to any garden. Gardenerâ™s can choose from more than 150 plants featured in this book, each chosen for the visual impact it adds to any landscape or container garden. Plants are organized by a range of clearly defined zones, making it easy for gardeners to find the plants that will succeed in their landscape. Author Nellie Neal explains how to best use tropical plants both indoors and out. To make this book a universally useful guide, it is organized to explain how to grow tropical plants in a wide range of clearly defined zones. Further, the book illustrates how to best use these plants in landscapes and containers, indoors and out, no matter where you live. It is a practical, user-friendly celebration of tropical plants.

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## Customer Reviews

I started a tropical container garden a year ago so I'm just learning. I wish I had this when I first started so I could have better chosen which plants are best suited to which locations. This book is now my most trusted reference. Aside from having a very complete listing of tropical plants with complete location and care instructions it also has a really hand reference list at the back that is divided into locations such as "sunny dry" or "shady wet". Though I have high lighted the plants that

I either own or wish to buy this little guide at the back lets me quickly access a list of the right choices for whichever spot I'm trying to fill. I would say this will be the container garden book I reference most.

Basic info: just what I was looking for when I ordered this book. The photos are generally close up and don't show entire plants, making it difficult to sometimes know what a plant looks like. For example, I saw a beautiful flowering plant that was unfamiliar to me at a nursery today. I asked, and was told it was a medinilla. When I came home, I looked for it on the internet before looking in this book. On the internet, I figured out that the plant I had seen was *Medinilla magnifica*. When I looked in this book, I found enough information to encourage me to add this plant to my garden. The book is well organized and the table of contents at the back allowed me to quickly find the information I was looking for today.

There are few useful books on tropical gardening. This is one of them. What it lacks in breadth, it makes up in depth. Most gardening books devote a paragraph and a small photo to each plant - barely enough to identify it. This book, on the other hand devotes a full page to each plant including topics such as growing and propagation. If you're new to a warm weather climate (Florida, southern CA, etc), this is the first book to get.

Wonderful selection of plants, with extensive information included on each plant listed. However, it's unfortunate that the information given did not include the hardiness zones for each plant, which I feel would have been easy to include (it would have earned a 5-star rating from me).

The pictures were in beautiful color. I have many of these plants and now able to give them the right light and water for their best chance at a long life.

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