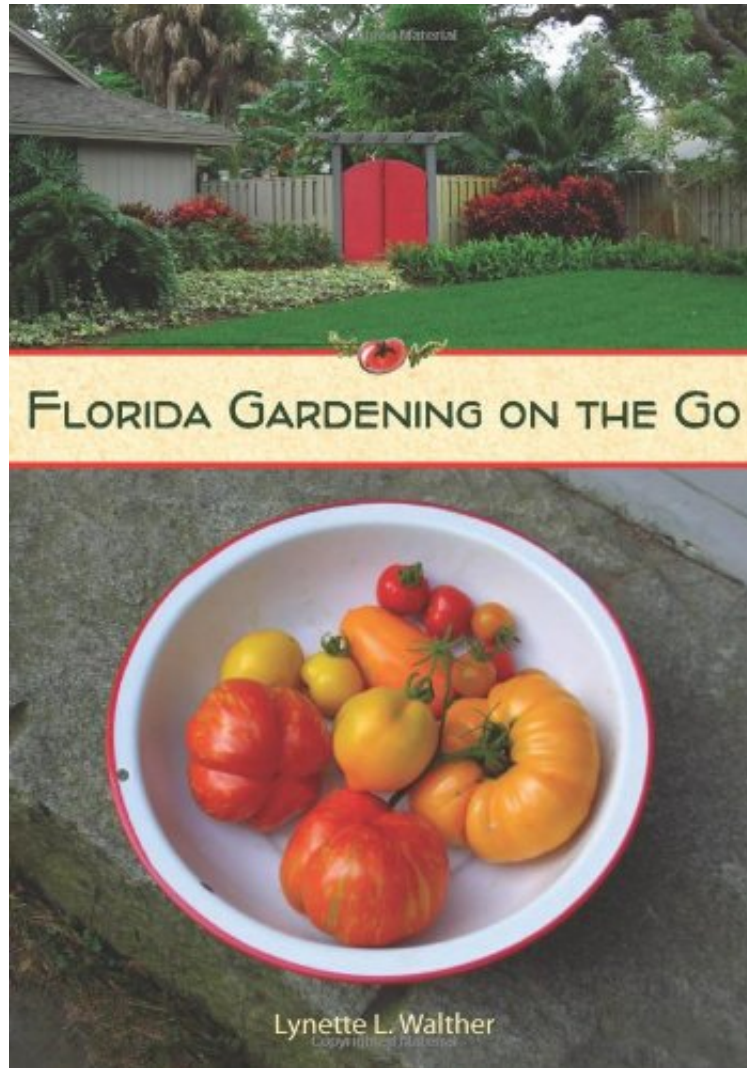


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Florida Gardening on the GoBy Rebecca S. DunningI loved it!! There were so many helpful hints that I didn't know .. great reference book!! I look forward to getting more of Lynette's books!!2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Florida gardening for everyone.By Holly BirdThe first thing I did ten years ago when I got serious about transforming my Tampa Bay yard was to get rid of most every gardening book I owned that didn't have the word "Florida" in the title. "Florida Gardening on the Go" (written by a regular contributor to "Florida Gardening Magazine", which I also recommend subscribing to) is a welcome addition

to my now extensive library of Florida specific gardening books, and the reason is because it's the first book I'd hand over to someone new to FL gardening or just overwhelmed about finally getting started. I know, because it took me a long time to get my own wonderful Florida native-planted yard and vegetable garden going after staring at a grassy Bahia field for years. I was too intimidated by what I thought I had to learn, given Florida's heat, insects and so on. I wish I'd had this book back then. Filled with low-maintenance suggestions and organized with month-to-month chores, "Florida Gardening on the Go" offers quick chapters in how to start with quick, easy projects (which take just a couple of hours to complete), along with useful long-term strategies for more ambitious projects. Throughout the book are sprinkled some great tips, two of which I've used just in the last few days, and I got them here. I have a favorite four or five other books that I routinely turn to for more in-depth help, such as Bowden's and Stephen's books on Florida vegetable gardening; others on landscaping with Florida natives and so on; books by MacCubbin and Tasker and those are all indispensable. But "Florida Gardening On the Go" is like having a breezy, ongoing conversation with the seasoned Florida neighbor who's been there and done that with her yard and she's offering help and advice to get started. The thing I took away from Walther's book is that everyone can (and should!) be gardening in Florida, whether you own a yard or not. And that you needn't be a year-round resident as well. For veterans like me, it offers ways to cut down on worry on maintenance with her monthly chore list; to make more informal room for vegetables and annuals; use attractive and inexpensive garden supports by recycling and to start actually enjoying my own yard more. I'm glad to make a space for this one on my shelf. (Maybe I should get two so I can lend one out to my neighbors)

Recommended! 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. For beginners or new residents only
By L. B. Taylor
Limited with its information I rated this book as OK: three stars. There are a few pretty pictures in one section that may give you some ideas. An extensive list of recommended plants for our mild climate is given though the newbie will need to verify what time of the year it should be planted. It matters! Ms. Walther says all the annuals are suited to zones 8-11 but I beg to differ. Some will prosper in zone 8 and come up spindly in zone 11 or not at all and vice versa. Evening Stock loves cool weather and needs a certain amount of chilling time, I can't see it growing well in south Florida. Queen Anne's Lace should be planted in fall to try to get it to grow. I rarely see it in north Florida gardens, I don't think it would do well down near the Keys. One lesson I learned; I failed to do the proper research when I planted Lion's Tail years ago. It slowly became invasive covering a small area before I ripped it out: a beautiful small shrub-like flower, I would bury a container of it to keep it from taking over if I used it again. Research, research, research before you take her information at face value. I'll credit Ms. Walther for having a good list of aggressive plants to avoid, something all Florida residents should know. If you have just moved here or are new to gardening you may enjoy this book. Others: there are better books available.

Quick tips for busy gardeners "Walther has given residents many new reasons to take up the trowel and head back to the garden. Her fresh look at plantings and plant care takes the work out of having an attractive landscape." --Thomas MacCubbin, author of Month by Month Gardening in Florida "A good reference for anyone interested in enjoying a nice Florida garden with minimal effort, full of quick tips that make gardening simple and fun." --Kimberly Taylor, University of Florida Center for Landscape Conservation and Ecology
No time? No space? No expertise? No problem! Florida Gardening on the Go reveals how easy it is to have a beautiful, bountiful garden, despite those limitations. Too often, would-be gardeners complain that they don't have as much time to spend planning, planting, and pruning as they'd like. Columnist Lynette Walther--who has gardened in Florida for more than four decades--offers projects that can be accomplished with minimal effort and upkeep. This time-saving guide provides step-by-step instructions in a month-by-month format. Even the busiest person will find useful "quick tips" for creating a low-maintenance garden, a garden that makes a big impact in a small yard, or a garden that is easy on the environment. Having trouble with weeds in your lawn? Try corn gluten. It can be applied throughout the year and does not harm children, pets, or wildlife. Squirrels digging in your container gardens? Repel them with sprigs of rosemary. Florida Gardening on the Go is perfect for busy professionals, people with small yards, or snowbirds with a home that is occupied for only part of the year. The gardening tips provided by Walther emphasize how to use Florida-friendly plants and organic practices to create self-sustaining and practical environments.

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