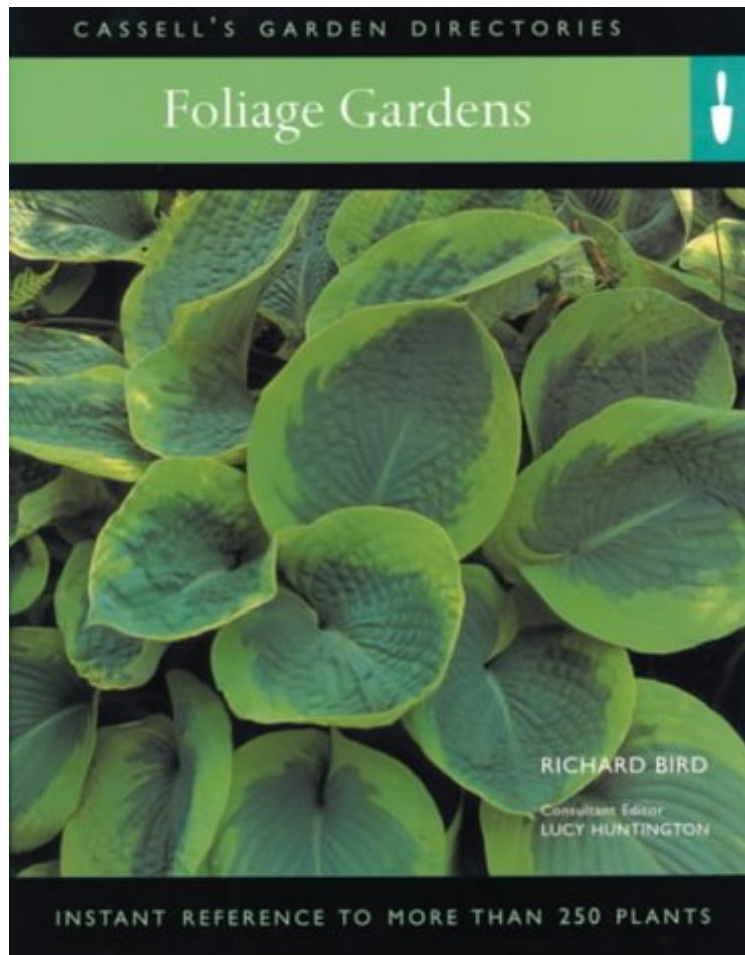


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Foliage--the often overlooked basis of a garden--brings an exciting range of shapes and textures, as well as a long-lasting green backdrop. It's one of the most important features you'll choose--so do it wisely. From striking climbers to subtle background plants, add architectural features, scent, and sound to your outdoor space. Coordinate color and foliage creatively; select specimens for focal points; complement garden sculptures; even build topiary!

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