

# Foliage

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**Nancy J. Ondra : Foliage** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Foliage:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. I loved this bookBy M. LaneAt first I was slightly disappointed with this book because I thought it would have more examples of foliage gardens and landscape plans. However, I love this book for its large pages and bright color photographs of the leaves. It's garden porn. It's an encyclopedia of foliage plants. It describes the plant and hybrid name. One wish is that it would have keys to describe the plant requirements, zones, and to which continent it's native. I loved it once I got used to the idea of what it was and could peruse it for hours.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Foliage not flowersBy GKlauThis book is great for inspiration in designing a garden. Several examples are given where color comes from foliage, not flowers that have to be deadheaded on a regular basis. First concern is the contrast created from the color and texture within the foliage. Flowers become a minor factor. The result is a beautiful low maintenance garden. The many colorful photos throughout the book backs up the premise of the book.This book has given me the inspiration to gradually wean myself from flowers into foliage. I have looked through the book on a regular basis ever since it arrived.6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Every Gardener Should Own This BookBy D. C. DugganThis book has been like a Bible to me when choosing plants for my garden. I am always searching for plants with a variety of colors and textures of foliage to create interest in the garden throughout the season. The book is organized by color of foliage and plant requirements. You can, for example, look up chartreuse plants that would grow well in shady conditions. There are also photos to illustrate most of the plants mentioned. The book is as beautiful to look at as it is a useful reference.

Velvety or rough, silver or chartreuse, saw-toothed or scalloped -- foliage can be the star of your garden. This comprehensive guide describes the features and requirements of dozens of leafy plants, each one perfect for mixing and matching with flowers and ornamental grasses in vivid home landscapes. Handsomely illustrated with hundreds of full-color photographs, *Foliage* will inspire you to look at leaves with fresh eyes. Winner of the 2008 American Horticultural Society Book Award.

From Booklist Onda posits that gardens based only on blooms leave something to be desired, but foliage adds visual interest no matter what the season or the weather. The qualities that make foliage attractive are essentially the same as those that apply to flowers: shape, size, texture, and color. Onda explains how to create attractive combinations, how to plant and grow them, and how to control diseases and pests. Organized by color and texture, each chapter illustrates the features and requirements of dozens of plants, all selected for the unique appeal of their leaves. The author describes their heights, leaf size, and whether they require sun or shade. This informative guide is filled with sumptuous color photographs by Cardillo. George Cohen Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved Nancy J. Onda's new book is a great marriage of plant expertise, easy-to-understand prose and heart-stopping, gorgeous photographs by Rob Cardillo. As I flipped through the pages of my copy -- which I had waited for anxiously -- I realized that I would never look at foliage in the same way. Chicago Sun-Times Onda [has] armed me with a wealth of information and stunning visuals, making it easy to step out of my comfort zone and take the garden to another dimension. Chicago Sun-Times Chock-full of color photographs, "Foliage" shows the palette of possibilities available. Las Vegas -Journal Foliage is a must-have book for anyone who wants to expand their horticultural horizons!