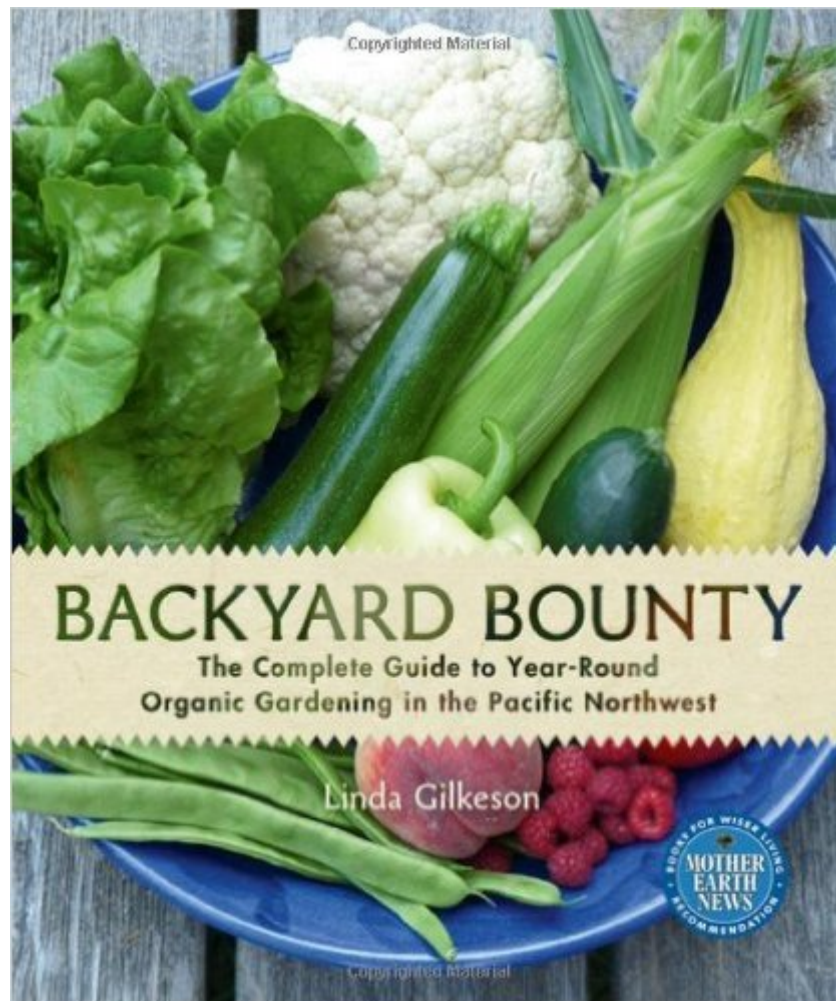


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# Backyard Bounty: The Complete Guide To Year-Round Organic Gardening In The Pacific Northwest



## Synopsis

Are you itching to start your own garden or improve the yield from the one you already have but feel that gardening is too challenging or time consuming for your busy schedule? Would you like to enjoy fresh, home-grown produce every month of the year? *Backyard Bounty* is like having your own master gardener to consult every step of the way. This encyclopedic reference demystifies gardening, bringing it back to the down-to-earth, environmentally practical activity that anyone can enjoy. Learn about: Planning your garden and preparing the soil Organic fertilizers and simplified composting Growing healthy seedlings, transplanting, easy weeding and mulching Growing fruit and simple pruning methods Greenhouses, tunnels, and containers Organic pest management and more Packed with a wealth of information specific to the Pacific Northwest, this complete guide emphasizes low maintenance methods, exposes common gardening myths, includes a monthly garden schedule for year-round planting and harvesting, and features plant profiles for everything from apples to zucchini. Perfect for novice and experienced gardeners alike, *Backyard Bounty* shows how even the smallest garden can produce a surprising amount of food twelve months of the year. Linda Gilkeson is a passionate organic gardener with over forty years of gardening experience. She is a regular instructor in the Master Gardener programs in British Columbia and has led hundreds of workshops on pest management and organic gardening. Her *Year-Around Harvest* is considered the definitive guide to winter gardening on the west coast.

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## Customer Reviews

I think this is a very informative book for the PNW gardener...including information on bugs and issues we face with vegetable plants and fruit trees. The book isn't listed by chapter for each month of the year, but there is a lot of information included for every season throughout the book. Would love to have seen colored pictures, instead of the B&W ones, because you show examples of bugs on the plants, rust on leaves, and more....and it would be nice to be able to compare them to issues on my leaves and plants.

I thought there was only one authoritative gardening book for my region (I live near Portland) - *Growing Vegetables West of the Cascades, 6th Edition: The Complete Guide to Organic Gardening*. But then I found this. Ms. Gilkeson has some different practices and recommendations. I immediately put to use her approach to fall vegetables, and it's already paid off with three big bowls of greens (two mustards and a kale). I learned a lot from this book already, and it will be fun to carry on experiments to see who helps me the most with any particular goal.

Must read if you are trying to garden on the coast or Islands of the Pacific Northwest. Our temperate cool climate is a challenge, and these season extending techniques will allow you to grow many more "normal" crops. Not a good reference if you are in the "normal" areas of the US - like Phoenix.

This was my first how-to-garden book and I was so happy to find one specifically for organic gardening, specifically for the Pacific Northwest. Internet sources are good for general gardening tips; this book is perfect for specific regional tips, planting timetables by season and month, plant troubleshooting (aphids!) and how-to's. I used it as my reference constantly over the last year. Planning my garden was much less frustrating with the lists of plants easy, medium, and challenging to grow in this region. Recently, I found the chapter on seed starting to be a great refresher for starting my own seeds. I'm new to Seattle AND to gardening, and this book has been invaluable for me to learn the quirks of growing in this climate. I bought the Kindle version so searching the full text for specific topics is so easy. My only critique is that the monthly planting schedules are a little hard to read in the digital format.

I live in Vancouver BC and have read a number of gardening book and have been bored to tears by most. This is the first book that I have picked up that is so specific to our geographical area (I am aware there are others). I found the book comprehensive - the author covers a wide variety of topics - and useful. I learned a lot - for example how to make fruit trees work in a small space, why

vegetables go to seed, and got some recommendations for varieties that might work for me here in Vancouver. The author is an entomologist so there is also a very good section on pests. A very enjoyable read.

I live in the PNW and have LOVED this book! Though I'm no greenthumb, she has everything calendared out through the year, so if I miss some planting/gardening one month, I just roll on to the next month and pick up where I left off.

This is great book if you live in the NW away from the high desert. The book is thorough and full of good information for intense gardening and year-around gardening. It's well worth the purchase price.

I'm in the NW and truly grateful to this author and publisher. They have provided an interesting but easy to read, thoughtful, uncomplicated - but not overly simplified - guide to growing my Willamette Valley back yard with healthy produce. We have very specific needs for each of our NW area micro-climates, This author held my hand when I needed it and then led me as needed to more information when I was ready. Thank You!

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