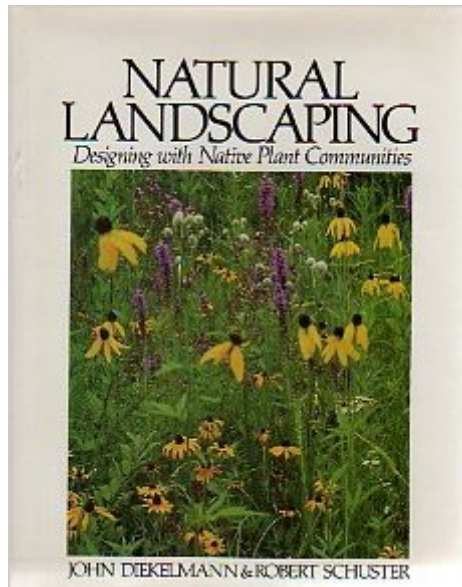


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# Natural Landscaping: Designing With Native Plant Communities



## Synopsis

In response to demand from landscape architects and home gardeners, *Natural Landscaping* returns to print in an updated and expanded second edition. It is unique in its focus on plant communities; it approaches landscape design as the establishment of natural ecosystems, rather than mere planting of specimens. Emphasizing the natural landscapes of the northeastern United States and eastern Canada, this book reviews landscaping principles and techniques and introduces native plant species for grasslands, forests, edge areas, and small wetlands. It illustrates how to evaluate a site and plan for visual effect and maintenance and presents the issues involved in restoring bogs, ponds, and other wetlands. It offers practical advice on reducing chemical use while still combating invasive plants and addresses social, legal, design, and planting problems often encountered on residential sites. It discusses natural landscaping for public parks, civic buildings, school grounds, and corporate properties -- This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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I have the 1982 edition of this book - I stumbled across it and have been amazed ever since that such a book was written in 1982 before this approach to gardening/landscaping was popular. It is tailored to the midwest, but the technical solidity and sound design concepts should apply anywhere.

Now in an updated and expanded second edition, *Natural Landscaping: Designing With Native*

Plant Communities by licensed architect and landscaping authority John Diekelmann and natural plan restoration expert Robert Schuster is a fascinating, "user friendly" instructional guide on basic landscaping principles, as well as cogent, authoritative advice on how to restore wetlands and introduce native plant species for wetlands, grasslands, forests, and more. Black-and-white photographs as well as an inset section of color plates wonderfully illustrate this meticulous, fact-filled, professional quality, highly recommended "how-to" guide for anyone aspiring to enhance or restore native plant communities.

Natural Landscaping is an essential resource for anyone interested in landscaping with native plants. The importance of learning to use native plants is so important as we face continuing droughts in various parts of the country, including here in Williamsburg, VA. The book is so full of information that I find myself going back to it often. Many thanks to the authors for this fine volume.

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