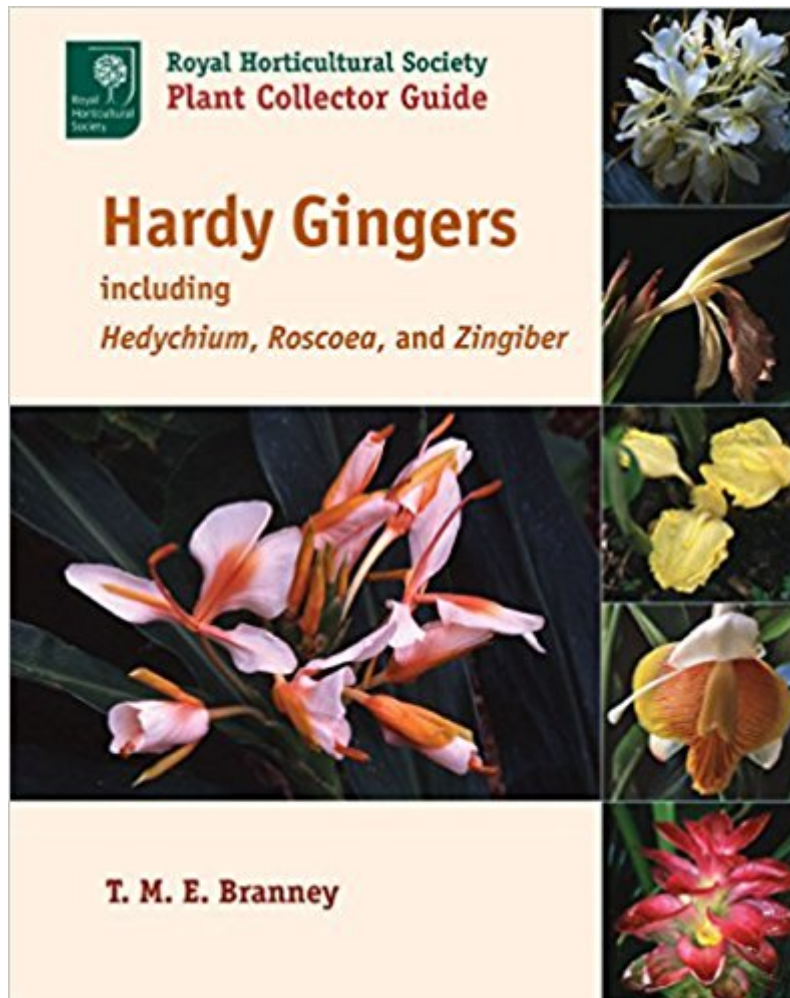




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Hardy Gingers: Including Hedychium, Roscoea, And Zingiber



Synopsis

A guide to the temperate zone and high altitude ginger varieties that are perfectly at home in cooler climates. Cultivation advice includes techniques for breaking dormancy, maintaining soil nutrition, and understanding plants' hardiness requirements.

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With more than 1,400 species, gingers are one of the largest groups of flowering plants in the world, and are found in climates as diverse as Iceland and Israel. Now, thanks to improved hybridization techniques that make them even more adaptable to temperature extremes, these vibrant and dramatic plants are enjoying a level of horticultural interest not seen since their glory days as the centerpieces of Victorian hothouses. Ranging in size from tiny groundcovers to towering treelike specimens in colors that span the spectrum, gingers' versatility makes them suitable for practically any garden design. From classification and ecology to propagation and morphology, the rudiments of ginger cultivation are covered in the book's opening chapters, with particular attention paid to gingers' culinary and medicinal applications. Branney then presents an encyclopedic analysis of approximately 300 varieties of gingers hardy in the temperate zones of the U.S., a relatively narrow climatological range that still yields a wide array of gardening opportunities. Carol HaggasCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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•Booklist "Hardy Ginger is an extremely useful book for anyone interested in the ginger family, and it is clear that there are members of this group that can be grown in many of the climate zones of the Western states.

•Pacific Horticulture "Definitely covers the history of the cultivation of the different ginger. . . . Perfect for anyone with a rabid fondness for ginger and a desire to see them restored to their rightful place in horticulture.

•Biology Digest "The A-Z list of ginger he supplies includes the temperature zone and height of each along with a detailed description, and includes a very fine collection of colored photographs.

•SciTech Book News "A unique, authoritative guide. While most may associate ginger with tropical climates, it's the more unusual temperate-zone ginger that are the focus here and there's a wealth of them.

•Bookwatch

When I first heard about this new ginger book and saw the negative comments on GardenWeb, I was in no hurry to get it. Several people said much of it was obviously taken from my own website. But recently when ordering another book, I needed something else to bring the order to \$25 for the free shipping. I was pleasantly surprised! This is a pretty darn good job at describing hardy ginger for the temperate or sub tropical garden. Some of the cultivars had to come from my website but there was also a lot of original research and solid information from other sources. Much of it is slanted toward the UK/British climate, but also for gardeners in the southern USA. I can now recommend this book to anyone interested in collecting and growing ginger, including Costaceae (spiral ginger) as well as Zingiberaceae (true ginger).

Nice reference guide.

Very good book and very good services of . Arrived in excellent shape!! Book promised a lot and it's true it's one of the best books I've read of Ginger. The information is complete and gives you an idea what to expect from a certain plant. For me it's a kind of "bible" for the plants I wish to buy. I can recommend this book to everyone who loves ginger!! Gr. Miranda

This one of the few books with real information on gingers. It is well written and organized so that you can obtain the info you need. My only regret is that the pictures are black and white.

Book was sold as "Used" but appears to be brand new. I am more than hnappy with my purchase.

Very timely issue of hardy gingers. It covers most recent results of scientific and applied science of this group. Only lacks much color plates, which would be more help to look into this complicated but variable flower world.

I was disappointed in that the Table of Contents shown in the preview lists color plates. However, when I got the book, I found that all of the pictures were black and white. This is NOT what is shown in the online listing.

The text seems decent but one of my main reasons for purchasing this book was to help me select specimens for a landscaping project. The book description as well as the book's actual table of contents incorrectly lists a number of color plates that are not found in the paperback edition. The paperback version contains only poor quality black and white images. As a result, the book was of little use to me when compared to information and photos that were available on the internet. I have subsequently returned it.

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