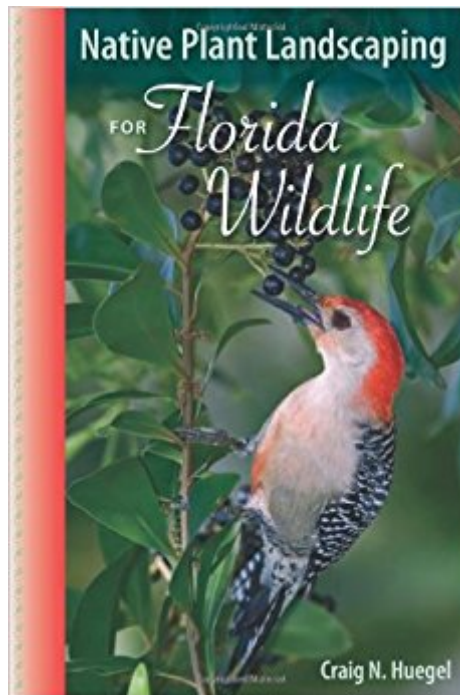




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Craig Huegel is a wildlife biologist, ecological consultant, and lifelong gardener with a special interest in the relationship between plants and animals. He helped establish the Cooperative Urban Wildlife Program at the University of Florida in 1987 and has been deeply involved in educating the public about Florida's wildlife and native plants

This is one of several books we bought to help us learn about and come up with ideas for landscaping our new home in south-central coastal Florida. Our yard has several oaks, dozens of palm trees and various shrubs and vines, two lime trees, a Meyer lemon tree, and even a couple of struggling banana trees, all of which are rather different than what we had been used to at our previous home in Connecticut. On the west our lot backs up to a wetlands nature preserve that in

turn abuts a lagoon, and the Atlantic Ocean is a few blocks to the east, so we have warm weather year-round with rare frosts. However, this book addresses the full range of Florida climate zones, not just our mild Zone 9B. As for fauna, we have an occasional bobcat, pileated woodpeckers, crows, jays, cardinals, turtles, frogs, snakes, bees and the occasional butterfly. This book is well laid-out with numerous photos and detailed text about using native plants for attracting and retaining Florida wildlife, with an emphasis on maintaining a natural habitat. The book also offers an excellent perspective on understanding your site and what can be done to make it maximally attractive to various species in your area. Given the high cost of landscaping, and the challenges of growing and maintaining plants in a semi-tropical climate, buying a few books to help develop ideas about and understanding of the many options is a worthwhile investment. I did not find just one book that covered everything about Florida plants; given our site and our unfamiliarity with its botanical inhabitants, I bought five books which together provided a comprehensive range of information (this book native plants for wildlife, one on native/low maintenance plants, one on natural landscaping, one on readily available native plants, and one on fruiting plants). If your sole interest is in landscaping to attract Florida wildlife, you might get away with buying only this book, certainly to start with. I particularly appreciate its emphasis on native plants because invasive species are a problem in Florida and just about everywhere else in the US. I noticed only one weak spot in the book's coverage. It doesn't have much information related to the part of our lot that abuts a wetlands preserve (something on the order of a mangrove swamp). However, most of the book's concepts do apply to the parts of our lot that are away from the wetlands.

A usable, expert resource and a joy to read

Nice commentary and photos

Perfect condition.

I am restoring 160 acres to native plant life. This book has become our principal resource, along with the earlier edition.

New to birding so I wanted a more detailed book for my area, Tampabay. Easy to identify with good descriptions.

Such an important book for Florida gardeners-real and pratical information.

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