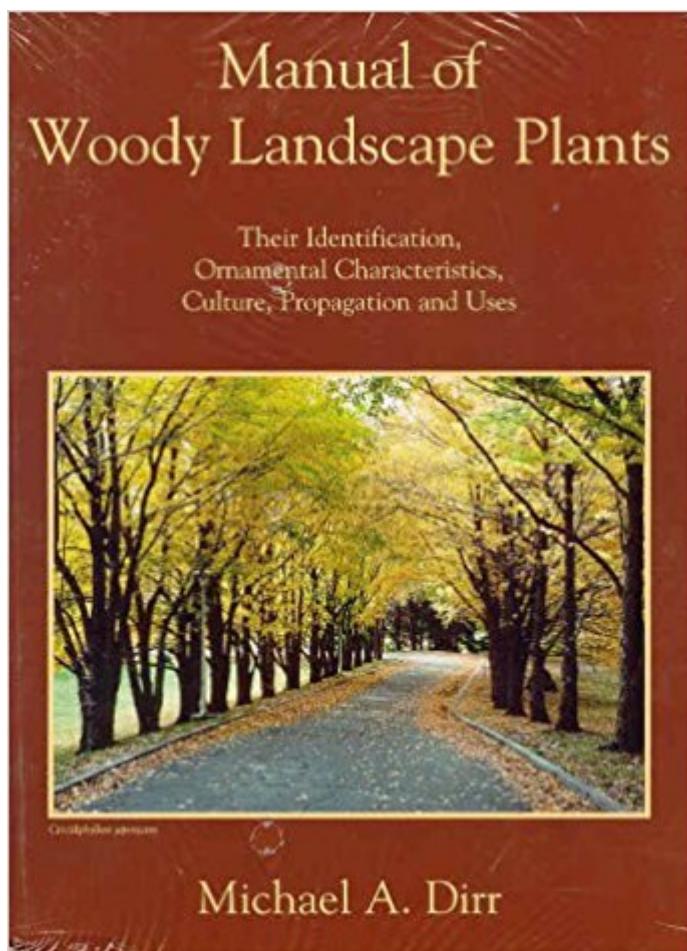


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Serving as an ideal companion to Dirr's Hardy Trees and Shrubs (above), this classic manual offers thorough information on the woody trees and shrubs used in landscaping. Aside from each plant's physical description, there's also an elaboration of hardiness, growth rate, culture, diseases and insects, landscape value, cultivars, and propagation. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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This is another text book that is actually fun to read. The front contains basic scientific information about plants. Leaf structure and how it is defined, reproduction, flower structure, etc. The body of the book is species of plants and cultivars. There are not any color pictures or photographs. Merely line drawing for individual leaves and flowers. It is arranged in alphabetical order based on Latin

name. There is cross reference in the back that has common names. I use this book all the time because I am always trying to identify a species of plant, or a cultivar within a species. Mostly for customers, but also myself. It is also quite helpful in determining what cultivars are likely to do well, and which ones have underperformed in the landscape (in the opinion of the author of course). The author frequently expresses his opinion, and he does so in an entertaining fashion that makes using this book fun. There are lists of what plants are quick references for what plants work well in different soil or moisture condition. What zone plants are suited to. Some indicate air pollution tolerance. There is a wealth of information in this publication. If you are an amateur looking for an easy identification guide, or something with great photos, this is not going to suit your needs. I would suggest: http://www..com/gp/product/0881924040/ref=cm_cr_ryp_prd_img_sol_15 If you are a student that must buy this book for class....keep this book safe! If you work in the nursery or landscape industry and seriously love plants, this can be one of your best friends.

This book is the tree bible if there ever was one. This has lifetimes of cataloged info on thousands of species. The technical and scientific information is very thorough and I love coming back to this reference book. The book is huge, think very very large phone book. The used one I got was in great condition but I do wish I would have splurged and got the hardcover. I use it frequently but its too bad I cant really take it out in the field.

I am an OSU Master Gardener and we are taught to look to the best experts when we research information for ourselves or to give out to the public. This book, Dirr's "Manual of Woody Landscape Plants" and Carl Whitcomb's "Know It and Grow It III" are the best references a person can use when researching woody trees and shrubs for a landscape. Although Whitcomb's book has a map showing regions where the plant would grow best, Dirr's book has by far more trees and shrubs reviewed with more cultivars listed also. Additionally, Dirr's book is listed entirely by scientific name making it easy to locate information about a plant quickly.

Dirr gets poetic at times, but talks a bit too much about his time in GA. Great Book though.

Michael Dirr's knowledge of wood plants is amazing. It goes into great detail about the tree. THIS IS NOT A PICTURE BOOK. There are drawings to help with identification of plants. He gives all of the specs on the plants and also his opinion.

A definite must for every plants person. The manual, however, does not have in-depth sections dealing with plants that have extensive cultivars and varieties, such as Malus, azaleas, rhododendrons, etc. If that is your interest, then you would need something very specific for such plant groups.

Wow! Mr. Dirr is incredible. My first reaction was no color? But then I realized, he was right. The details are so good, clear, that I bought 2more for gifts. (They were so well received that no our peers in hurt. Class are jealous!)

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