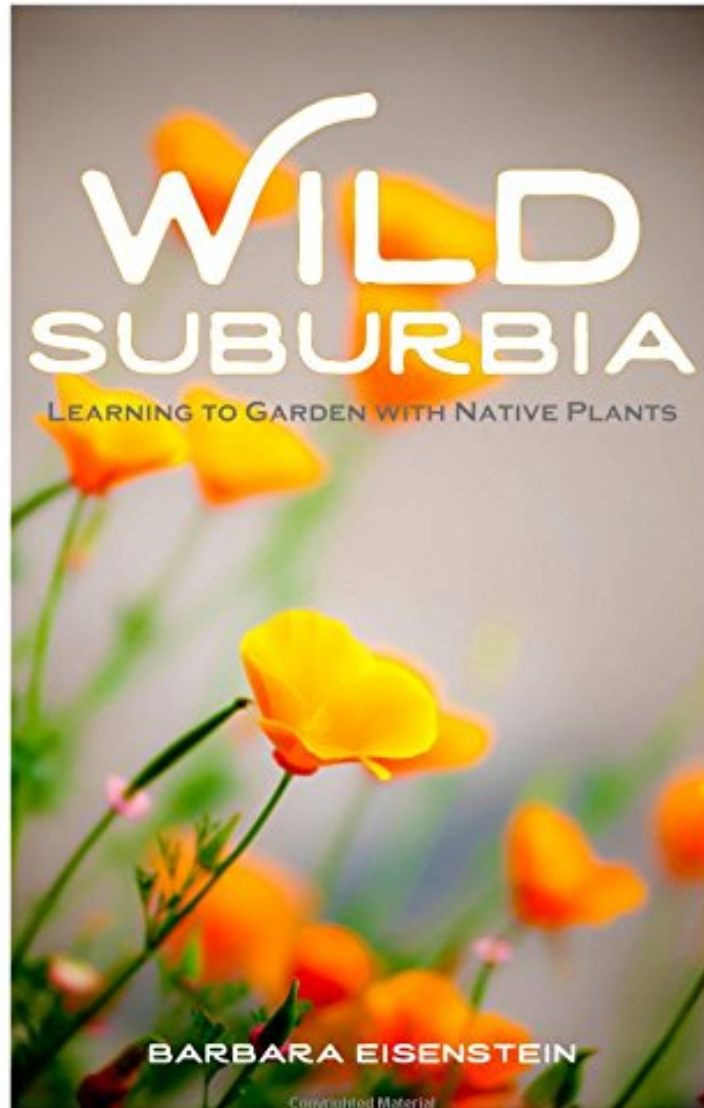


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Barbara Eisenstein : Wild Suburbia: Learning to Garden with Native Plants before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Wild Suburbia: Learning to Garden with Native Plants:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great resource and easy to follow. By K This is a great book for someone new, or someone with some exposure to California native plants. I have read many native plant books and learned quite a bit from this book. If I needed to give a book to someone to help guide them through the process of converting their yard to native plants, this would be it. The author includes many photos (easily every other page has a

photo) to help teach the reader what she/he needs to know. There is a section on the top 20 native plants which are chosen based on how easy they are to grow and obtain from nurseries. There are other books that people can get that focus on plants (and not how to convert one's yard for growing natives) if one wants to learn about a wider variety of natives, but these 20 are a good starting point. I think it's the only native plant book I read cover to cover, instead of using it as a resource to pick out only the information I needed. My only slight issue with the book is she discusses the issue of "fitting in" with the neighbors. It's a real issue, but I guess I wish people wouldn't hesitate to do the right thing even if it bothers their neighbors who probably have a boring lawn that no one ever uses and the common nursery exotics that everyone else has in their yard. But it's probably good she addressed the issue as most conscientious people think about it when landscaping their yard. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I highly recommend this book to any level of gardener. By Customer I highly recommend this book to any level of gardener. Join her on her journey to a happier place in California. Very helpful if looking for where to start a native yard, add to one, or wish to help others do what you have already done. Native plants not only use less water, but provide a chemical free habitat for birds and butterflies. My move away lawn was the right choice. The dimensions and character are an inviting zen place! So much more than flat ol' grass! Thank you Barbara!

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