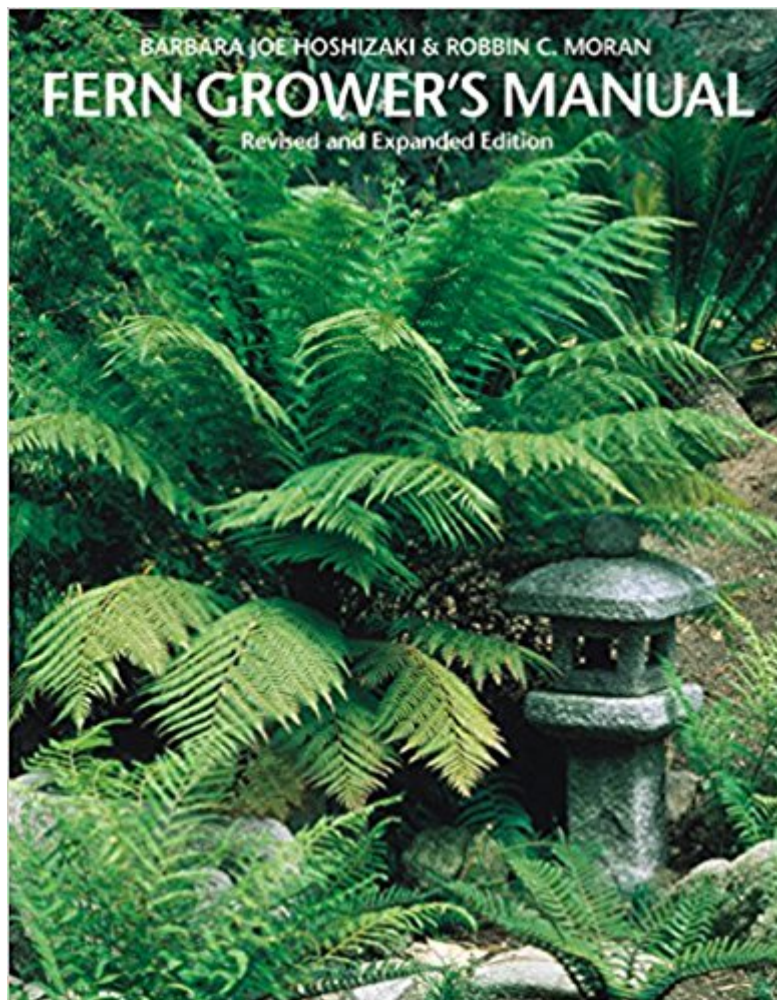


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# Fern Grower's Manual



## Synopsis

Ferns have graced our planet for hundreds of millions of years. With about 12,000 named species of ferns worldwide, the variety to be found among them is staggering in its array of forms, textures, and even colors. From towering tree ferns to tiny water clovers, ferns and fern allies offer a wide range of uses in the garden and home. This book offers useful advice on ferns and fern allies for any region, with details on cultivation, identification, landscaping, and more. The bulk of the book consists of an encyclopedic treatment of all the ferns in cultivation in the U.S. Some 700 species from 124 genera are described in detail, including physical descriptions, cultural requirements, hardiness, common names, synonyms, special uses, geographical range, and notable cultivars or related species. Each species is accompanied by a black-and-white illustration to allow for easy identification and to provide a useful means of comparing species. Updated and greatly expanded, this new edition of Hoshizaki's original 1975 book is the most comprehensive book available on fern cultivation.

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## Customer Reviews

Ferns are truly ancient plants, having existed on Earth for millions of years. With approximately 12,000 species of ferns, their array is staggering-- from the red and gold Cinnamon Fern to the shimmering Silver Tree Fern to the lushly green Oriental Chain Fern. Upon discovering the sheer number of fern species, a person interested in growing ferns might be just a bit overwhelmed. While many just pick up a fern at their local nursery, and hope their new household addition makes it

through the night, others feel compelled to delve more deeply into the secret life of ferns. For the latter types, Fern Grower's Manual is a treasure trove. This hefty volume (over 600 pages!) offers an encyclopedic treatment of some 700 species of ferns. Each is described in concise and accessible language, including a physical description, detailed pen-and-ink illustration, care and environmental requirements, geographical information, information on related species, and more. Authors Barbara Joe Hoshizaki (president of the American Fern Society) and Robbin C. Moran (associate curator at the New York Botanical Garden) provide useful information on how and where different types of ferns thrive, explore potential problems, and offer guidance on cultivating ferns indoors and out. First published in 1975, this book is a testament to the enduring popularity of ferns in our culture. This revised edition is significantly expanded, including information on almost twice as many fern species as the first, as well as more extensive and detailed illustrations and a section of color photographs. While the book presents far more information than the average home gardener might ever want to know about ferns, the thoroughness of this substantial tome is unlikely to disappoint true pteridophiles (fern lovers). --Robin Donovan --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

“An excellent horticultural resource for those who specialize in growing ferns. An impressive work and an epic volume that will not soon be replaced.”  
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“This book opened my eyes to the diversity of ferns worldwide. . . . Fern Grower's Manual is an authoritative reference that is sure to remain at the pinnacle of fern literature for decades to come.”  
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“This book is for reference and also for finding bits of information not usually found elsewhere. Excellent black and white drawings show pertinent details.”  
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“I can heartily recommend this fine book. . . . As a reference book it will be a staple of the fern library in the manner of its much loved predecessor.”  
•Fern Research Foundation  
“Here in one volume of over 600 pages, with 50 color photos and over 800 super line drawings, is a book all interested in ferns should have.”  
•Gardening Newsletter  
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•American Reference Books Annual  
“Clearly the result of a lifelong passion for ferns, this is a serious tome, academic in the

degree of detail presented, but written for anyone with an interest in growing, studying, or simply enjoying ferns. **Pacific Horticulture** "A great book for people who want to grow and identify different ferns and their allies. **Plant Talk**

This book does exactly what its title suggests. It provides very useful and simple information on ferns and their cultivation. It is not a wordy book though it has well over 500 pages. It gets straight to the essentials of ferns and their requirements. The detailed drawings are clear and very useful in helping fern enthusiasts easily identify different species of ferns. I would have loved however to see a few more pages of color photographs of ferns and more fern entries but I am sure this well written book will be updated in a few years time. The Fern Growers Manual is the best available manual for fern growers. Buy it and enter the other world of ferns - a satisfying experience for all who venture in.

The authors touch on every aspect of fern genus, their care and identification. Extremely concise it gives information on everything from propagation to information regarding pest control and disease control. I pretty much read the book cover to cover, which is not something I normally do with reference material. This is not just another fluff book for growing your everyday Boston Fern and is far from a dry read leading to the snores.

A very thorough, thoughtful compendium on all things ferns: how they grow, how they are classified, cultivation requirements. You name it, it is there. The book only suffers from a lack of color photos. Hopefully they will be included in the 3rd Edition.

Excellent guide. Speedy shipping.

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