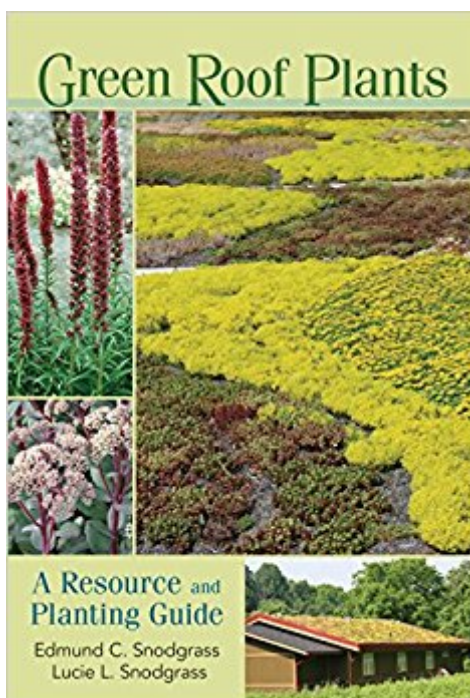


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# Green Roof Plants: A Resource And Planting Guide



## Synopsis

In just a few years, green roofs have gone from a horticultural curiosity to a booming growth industry—primarily because the environmental benefits of extensively planted roofs are now beyond dispute, whether for industrial or governmental complexes or for private homes in urban or suburban settings. Despite the high level of interest in green roofs, until now there has been no reliable reference devoted exclusively to the various species of drought-tolerant plants that are suitable for use on extensive green roofs. *Green Roof Plants* fills that void. The book contains photographs and cultural information for more than 200 species and cultivars of plants, including valuable data on moisture needs, heat tolerance, hardiness, bloom color, foliage characteristics, and height. Concise, accurate, and easy to use, this book is destined to become an indispensable practical reference guide, not just for architects, landscape designers, engineers, and environmentalists, but also for environmentally conscious home gardeners.

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Although relatively commonplace in Japan and throughout Europe, green roof gardening is just a grassroots movement in the U.S. But ecological and economic concerns are pushing what was once a landscaping anomaly into the forefront of environmental design. It is, however, not as simple as merely re-creating a ground-level garden high atop a building. Green roof gardening must take into consideration structural engineering issues such as load bearing, waterproofing, insulation, drainage, and maintenance. These same concerns make selecting suitable plant material a

challenge. The authors have compiled the first reference tool designed to help green roof gardeners determine the best drought-tolerant, low-maintenance, temperature-hardy plants. Supported by 300-plus color photographs and including cultural details on more than 200 species and cultivars, this is an essential resource for home gardeners and landscape architects and designers looking for environmentally friendly choices. Carol Haggas Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

“I have been thinking about the possible uses of. . . drought-tolerant, low-maintenance plants. It was [this book] that started me on this journey.” •The New York Times  
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“A welcomed edition to the minimal literature on designing and building green roofs. This reference manual should be on the shelf of every landscape architect and designer who specifies plants for green roofs.” •Oregon Land  
“Offers a thorough explanation of plants, including color photographs, that have performed well on roofs.” •Denver Post  
“One of the few places you can find detailed discussions about what is required and the specific plants which will thrive up on the roof.” •Lexington Herald-Leader  
“Even if you aren’t interested in installing a green roof, the plant list is worth perusing to get ideas for choosing plants that are especially drought-tolerant.” •HortIdeas

Excellent resource for planning and building a sustainable green roof. Lots of great photos to help

understand the design process more fully along with ensuring the right plants are installed to minimize maintenance and maximize water remediation/reclamation.

Like the book and have used the sedums from their nursery in my garden. They are all doing very well .

This is a good book if you want to know more about the topic, I bought this years ago, and still this is a good reference...

This is the perfect companion to Planting Green Roofs and Living Walls -- it specializes in what sort of plants to use given specific conditions and it gives details on how to plant and take care of them -- a super addition to anyones Green library!

The title contained very useful information. I had no idea of the variety of plants suitable for green roof applications. There was enough information to enable an individual to begin populating their own green roof garden. Illustration and photo quality was dated.

While I knew from the title of the book that this is a source of information for green roof plants, I still expected to find information on installation techniques, either very specifically or at least with a list of companies or other sources cited where I could find installation techniques. Only a couple of companies are cited, but with no Sources section in the back of the book -- only nurseries. Many subjects directly connected to planting and building a green roof are only generally touched on with broad explanations. The plant selection pages are great, with lots of color photos and good description.

Once you commit to the vegetated roof concept, you are very soon confronted with what will work up there. This book is a great point of departure!

great book, a vital tool needed to develop a new way of thinking about construction.

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