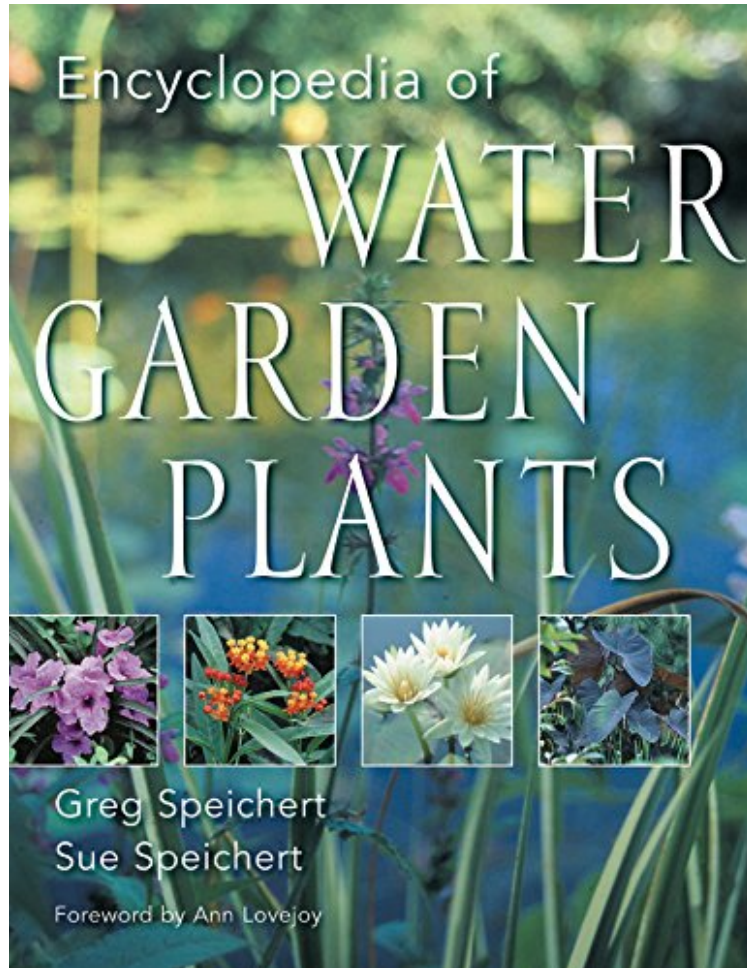


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Greg Speichert, Sue Speichert : Encyclopedia of Water Garden Plants before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Encyclopedia of Water Garden Plants:

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By Marian R. Van Till
I've got shelves full of gardening books but was looking for just one book to fill in the major gaps in my knowledge of water-garden plants. This is the one I chose and it was a very good choice. The many, many photographs are beautiful and helpful: word descriptions alone don't necessarily allow a reader to recognize specific plants; and I was looking, first of all, to identify the plants I've got in my small backyard pond. In addition, this book offers valuable information on how to introduce and tend the dozens (or rather, hundreds) of plants identified in this encyclopedia. Surprisingly, it turned out not to include a few of the plants I was looking to identify. It does present numerous plants that aren't strictly in-water plants but that grow near water or in marshy, wetter-than-usual soil. Those are good inclusions for anybody looking for plants to use around a pond or water feature. If you have a water garden this is a very good tangible, in-your-hand

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Encyclopedia of Water Garden Plants is the definitive photographic reference to the full range of plants available to the water gardener. This volume includes hundreds of water garden plants often overlooked in other books, such as marginal plants, floating plants, bog plants, and submerged plants. Of course, waterlilies and lotuses are described in detail as well. The encyclopedia offers complete information on hardiness, culture, propagation, and pests and diseases. With more than 700 beautiful color photos and helpful introductory chapters on pots, soils, and fertilizers, this book promises to be the bible for the selection and cultivation of every water garden plant.

From Publishers Weekly Waterlilies, lotus, submerged, floating and marginal water plants all get their due in this lavishly illustrated encyclopedia by Water Gardening Magazine founders Greg and Sue Speichert. Each category of plant is discussed in its own chapter, with information about its proper soil, planting and climate requirements. Much of the book is given over to descriptions of various species, and home gardeners should especially appreciate the books useful appendixes, which list plants for special places, such as table-top ponds, as well as by their colors. 707 color photos. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist Most books on water gardening devote too little space to plants, and yet, the plants one chooses will be critical to the success or failure of any given situation. The Speicherts have spent years working on this comprehensive resource, offering gardeners beautifully written entries that take in all the characteristics and cultivation requirements of hundreds of plants. A vast range of plant possibilities is included, from marginal species and floating plants to many that grow with submerged roots or in bogs. So, whether a gardener is dealing with a large pond in the countryside, a boggy backyard area, or a solitary barrel converted to a water garden, this lushly illustrated compilation filled with color photographs should provide the details and guidance necessary to select appropriate specimens for any type of aquatic design. Countless cultivars are described as the authors propose the best, most attractive flora to enhance the prospect of a water garden environment. Alice Joyce Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved "The Encyclopedia of Water Garden Plants is, without question, the best book I've ever read on the subject of water gardening." Virginia Hayes, Pacific Horticulture, Fall 2004