

Water-Wise High-Desert Landscape Workshop

Resource Guide for Water-wise Desert Landscaping

The following books and websites are some of our favorite resource guides about xeriscape gardening in the southwest deserts.

Books

Low Water-Use Plants for California and the Southwest, by Carol Schuler

Great color photos and descriptions of a wide selection of drought-tolerant plants, including many California and Southwest native desert plants. Includes fundamentals and guidelines of xeriscape gardening and maintenance.

Native Landscaping from El Paso to L.A., by Sally Wasowski with Andy Wasowski

Inspiring collection of native garden designs, plus color photos and descriptions of drought-tolerant plants including natives of California and the southwest deserts.

Landscaping with Native Plants of the Southwest, by George Oxford Miller

Planning, designing, and maintaining xeriscape gardens, plus color photos and descriptions of plants native to Arizona and New Mexico, but which includes many plants that also occur in Southern California.

California Native Plants for the Garden, by Carol Bornstein, David Fross, & Bart O'Brien

How to design California native plant gardens, plus color photos and descriptions of native California plants, including drought-adapted natives of Southern California. Includes descriptions of native plant communities of California.

Internet Links

www.h2ouse.org/tour/index.cfm *H2Ouse - Water Saver Home:*

The California Urban Water Conservation Council has put together a virtual home that demonstrates the many ways you can help conserve water in your own abode. Take a virtual tour of southwest desert gardens and zoom in on each plant in each landscape to learn all about it. Fun!

www.bewaterwise.com/Gardensoft/index.aspx

Metropolitan Water District and Southern California Water agencies host this site to help with water conservation, and also offer virtual tours of water-conserving landscapes with specific plant details.

Tree of Life Nursery (www.californianativeplants.com) and *Las Pilitas Nursery* (www.laspilitas.com)

Both websites offer terrific gardening information & color photos of hundreds of California native plants.

