Lawn Gone Low Maintenance Sustainable Attractive Alternatives For Your Yard

The Less Is More Garden Susan Morrison 2018-02-07 “Big ideas for your small garden.”—Garden Design When it comes to gardens, bigger isn’t always better, and The Less Is More Garden shows you how to take advantage of every square foot of space. Designer Susan Morrison offers savvy tips to match your landscape to your lifestyle, draws on years of experience to recommend smart plants with seasonal interest, and suggests hardscape materials to personalize your space. Inspiring photographs highlight a variety of inspiring small-space designs from around the country. With The Less Is More Garden, you’ll see how limited space can mean unlimited opportunities for gorgeous garden design.

Food Not Lawns H. C. Flores 2006 Combines practical wisdom on ecological design and community-building with a fresh, green perspective on an age-old subject. Activist and urban gardener Heather Flores shares her nine-step permaculture design to help farmsteaders and city dwellers alike build fertile soil, promote biodiversity, and increase natural habitat in their own "paradise gardens." This joyful lifestyle manual inspires readers to apply the principles of the paradise garden--simplicity, resourcefulness, creativity, mindfulness, and community--to all aspects of life. Plant "guerrilla gardens" in barren intersections and medians; organize community meals; start a street theater troupe or host a local art swap; free your kitchen from refrigeration and enjoy truly fresh, nourishing foods from your own plot of land; work with children to create garden play spaces. Flores cares passionately about the damaged state of our environment and our throwaway society. Here, she shows us how to reclaim the earth, one garden at a time.--From publisher description.

The American Meadow Garden John Greenlee 2009-09-01 If there’s one lesson every homeowner must learn, it’s this: The traditional lawn is a huge, time consuming, synthetic-chemical sucking mistake. The time has come to look for new ways to create friendly, livable spaces around our homes. In The American Meadow Garden, ornamental grass expert John Greenlee creates a new model for homeowners and gardeners. For Greenlee, a meadow isn’t a random assortment of messy, anonymous grasses. Rather, it is a shimmering mini-ecosystem, in which regionally appropriate grasses combine with colorful perennials to form a rich tapestry that is friendly to all life — with minimal input of water, time, and other scarce resources. Kids and pets can play in complete safety, and birds and butterflies flock there. A prairie style planting is a place you want to be. With decades of experience as a nurseryman and designer, John Greenlee is the perfect guide. He details all the practicalities of site preparation, plant selection, and maintenance; particularly valuable are his explanations of how ornamental grasses perform in different climates and areas. Gorgeous photography by Saxon Holt visually illustrates the message with stunning examples of meadow gardens from across the country. We've reached a stage where we can no longer follow past practices unthinkingly, particularly when those practices are wasteful and harmful to the environment. It's time to get rid of the old-fashioned lawn and embrace a sane and healthy future: the American meadow garden.

Tapestry Lawns Lionel Smith 2019-05-09 Swathes of the human world are covered in ornamental grass lawns; they are the single most commonly encountered horticultural feature on the planet. Unfortunately, they are now often viewed as resource-draining green deserts due to the lack of plant and animal diversity, the need for frequent mowing and watering, and addition of lawn greening products to keep them looking at their best. It is a venerable horticultural feature that is essentially frozen in time, and with few alternatives to whet the appetite, the lawn has languished in its current
Tapestry lawns are a new, practically researched and timely development of the ornamental lawn format that integrates both horticultural practice and ecological science and re-determines the potential of a lawn. Mown barely a handful of times a year and with no need for fertilisers or scarifying, tapestry lawns are substantially richer in their diversity of plant and animal life compared to traditional grass-only lawns and see the return of flowers and colour to a format from which they are usually purposefully excluded. Tapestry Lawns: Freed from Grass and Full of Flowers traces the changes in the lawn format from its origins to the modern day and offers information on how and why the tapestry lawn construct is now achievable. It provides guidance on how to create and maintain a tapestry lawn of your own and champions the potential benefits for wildlife that can follow. Features Accessible and informative to all types of readers from academic to amateur Includes a refined and tested set of useful tapestry lawn plants Contains step-by-step instructions for creation and management methods of grass-free lawns Illustrated in full colour If you have ever thought about mowing your lawn much less, making it much more colourful and wildlife friendly, then this book will inform and guide you to create a perfect, grass-free lawn. Life After Lawns Molly Bogh 2014-07-25 Life After Lawns shows how to turn boring and thirsty lawns into dazzling, water-saving gardens, step by step. Simple explanations guide readers through the process of replacing grass with unique gardens that match their lifestyle and climate zone. Topics include: designing a garden that feels like home; finding expert landscape help; handling plans, permits, and contractors; killing the lawn and preparing the soil; saving money and water on irrigation; selecting the best plants for each part of the yard; and planting and tending the garden. Sustainable techniques such as retaining rainwater, fire-safe landscaping, and composting are described. Sidebars offer helpful tips, and hundreds of color photographs illustrate design ideas and plant choices. Combining their expertise on all phases of landscaping, from planning and design to construction and maintenance, the authors offer practical advice for beginners and professionals alike. Taylor’s Master Guide to Landscaping Rita Buchanan 2000 Reveals the vital components of landscape design, offering advice on choosing a site, selecting plants, creating garden accessories, and maintaining a landscape. Waterwise Plants for Sustainable Gardens Scott Ogden 2011-09-06 “I can't imagine a designer or avid gardener who wouldn't want this on their bookshelf.” —Garden Design Online Waterwise Plants for Sustainable Gardens is a practical guide to the best 200 plants guaranteed to thrive in low-water gardens. Plant entries provide the common and botanical name, the regions where the plant is best adapted, growth and care information, and notes on pests and disease. This practical and inspiring guide includes a variety of plants, from trees to succulents, perennials to bulbs, all selected for their wide adaptability and ornamental value. Companion plants, creative design ideas, and full color photography make this guide a must-have resource for any sustainable gardener. Beautiful No-Mow Yards Evelyn Hadden 2012-03-06 With Beautiful No-Mow Yards, you can transform your lawn into a livable garden and bring nature's beauty into your life! What has your perfect green lawn done for you lately? Is it really worth the time, effort, and resources you lavish on it? Armed with encouragement, inspiration, and cutting-edge advice from award-winning author Evelyn Hadden, you can liberate yourself at last! In this ultimate guide to rethinking your yard, Hadden showcases dozens of inspiring, eco-friendly alternatives to that demanding (and dare we say boring?) green turf. Trade your lawn for a lively prairie or replace it with a runoff-reducing rain garden. Swap it for an interactive adventure garden or convert it to a low-maintenance living carpet. The Humane Gardener Nancy Lawson 2017-04-18 In this eloquent plea for compassion and respect for all species, journalist and gardener Nancy Lawson describes why and how to welcome wildlife to our backyards. Through engaging anecdotes and inspired advice, profiles of home gardeners throughout the country, and interviews with scientists and horticulturalists, Lawson applies the broader lessons of ecology to our own outdoor spaces. Detailed chapters address planting for wildlife by choosing native
species; providing habitats that shelter baby animals, as well as birds, bees, and butterflies; creating safe zones in the garden; cohabiting with creatures often regarded as pests; letting nature be your garden designer; and encouraging natural processes and evolution in the garden. The Humane Gardener fills a unique niche in describing simple principles for both attracting wildlife and peacefully resolving conflicts with all the creatures that share our world.

**Refresh Your Garden Design with Color, Texture and Form** Rebecca Sweet 2013-10-30 Breathe new life into your garden! Maybe your garden isn't what it once was. Or maybe it's stunning during the full bloom of summer, but falls apart the rest of the year. Maybe it's crowded, sparse, boring, disjointed...or it just doesn't resonate with you, and you have no idea why or what to do about it. Don't retreat indoors! In this friendly guide, acclaimed landscape designer and best-selling author Rebecca Sweet offers simple strategies for transforming established plots and empty spaces into the garden of your dreams—a place that soothes your soul and revives your spirits year-round. Start by identifying problems with your current plantings (such as clashing colors, lack of flow and "one-of-each-itis"), then learn how to inject new life using artful combinations of color, texture and form. At the back of the book, you’ll find a thoughtfully curated selection of 78 plants perfect for creating key elements of harmony in your garden. You don't need to be a professional landscaper to put these concepts into play. With this book as your guide, turning blah spaces into breathtaking places becomes fun, easy and perennially rewarding! Overflowing with creative examples of how to... Wake up boring beds. Make a cramped garden feel bigger, or bring a sense of intimacy to an expansive area. Downplay eyesores. Create moods ranging from serene to stimulating. Add four-seasons interest. Decide which plants to keep, and which to pull. Thoughtfully integrate hardscaping, structures and accessories. Transform an ordinary garden into one that's memorable and meaningful!

**Scotts Lawns** Nick Christians 2002 A guide to lawn care provides tips, techniques, and advice for an attractive yard, covering such topics as mowing, weeding, fertilizing, and getting rid of pests.

**Front Yard Gardens** Liz Primeau 2010-03-11 In Front Yard Gardens, Primeau explains how an environmentally friendly and well-planned front yard garden is a small step toward healing the damage done by pesticides and other lawn-care products. This book covers planning and designing, and outlines the steps involved in removing grass, enriching the soil and planting. Primeau discusses the key elements of various front yard garden styles, gives tips on how to create and maintain the garden, and provides lists of complementary plants.--COVER.

**Creating the Prairie Xeriscape** Sara Williams 2013 Create a yard that is pleasing in design and usefulness, yet low in maintenance and not another threat to our fragile environment. Everything you need to know about xeriscaping.

**Planting Design for Dry Gardens** Olivier Filippi 2016 First published in French as Alternatives au gazon in 2011.

**New Front Yard Idea Book** Sandra S. Soria 2011 Curbside appeal goes a long way, and not just when homeowners are selling a house. Everyone wants to create a "wow" inspiring first impression and today's savvy homeowners are looking for expert advice and ideas that goes beyond the traditional lawn and foundation plantings.New Front Yard Idea Book offers the best design information from experts to inspire homeowners everywhere. Lushly illustrated with 325 4-color photographs, no other book focuses on this essential public area. The book is simply overflowing with inspiration for all the front-yard spaces, including the entrance, porches and porticos, gardens and arbors, paths and driveways, fences and gates, and landscaping and lighting. As readers set out to refresh and enhance their front yards, the first step is sit down with this invaluable reference.

**The American Lawn** Georges Teyssot 1999 The site of political demonstrations, sporting events, and barbecues, and the object of loving, if not obsessive, care and attention, the lawn is also symbolically tied to our notions of community and civic responsibility, serving in the process as one of the foundations of democracy.

**Rock Gardening** Joseph Tychonievich 2016-11-16 AHS Book Award winner Rock gardening —the art of growing alpines and other miniature plants in the company of rocks in order to
recreate the look of a rugged mountaintop—has been surging in popularity. Time and space constraints, chronic drought in the American West, and a trend toward architectural plants are just a few of the reasons for the increased interest. Rock Gardening brings this traditional style to a new generation of gardeners. It includes a survey of gorgeous rock gardens from around the world, the techniques and methods specific to creating and maintaining a rock garden, and profiles of the top 50 rock garden plants.

**The Water-Saving Garden** Pam Penick 2016-02-23 A guide to growing beautiful gardens in drought-prone areas utilizing minimal water for maximum results. With climate change, water rationing, and drought on the rise, water conservation is more important than ever—but that doesn’t mean your gardening options are limited to cacti and rocks. The Water-Saving Garden provides gardeners and homeowners with a diverse array of techniques and plentiful inspiration for creating sustainable gardens that are so beautiful and inviting, it’s hard to believe they are water-thrifty. Including a directory of 100 plants appropriate for a variety of drought-prone regions of the country, this accessible and contemporary xeriscaping guide is full of must-know information on popular gardening topics like native and drought-tolerant plants (including succulents), rainwater harvesting, greywater systems, permeable paving, and more.

**Gardening with Prairie Plants** Sally Wasowski 2002 A practical, comprehensive and packed with information guide and resource for prairie gardening. Award-winning gardening author and landscape designer Wasowski provides all the info on how to get started. 241 photos. 335 maps.

**Western Home Landscaping** Roger Holmes 2010-11 Collection of 42 designs created by area landscape professionals, with over 200 plants that are proven performers in the areas covered. Some designs provide "green" landscaping tips, including ways to conserve water and the use of native plants. Also shows how to install and care for plants, paths, fences, walls.

**The Organic Lawn Care Manual** Paul Boardway Tukey 2007-01-01 Explains how to make a lawn safe and environmentally friendly using organic methods, and how to pick the best grass for each climate and sunlight situation.

**The Natural Lawn & Alternatives** Brooklyn Botanic Garden 1993 Aside from discussing the use of chemical-free fertilizer and insect controls for typical grass lawns, this volume offers suggestions for such alternatives as a flower-filled meadow, moss and ground coverings, sedge lawns, and prairie grass and wildflower lawns.

**Lawn Care: The Complete Beginner's Guide to a Beautiful Green Yard** Bruce W. Allen 2023-01-01 "The secret to a perfect lawn is not in the products, but in the process." Discover the secrets to a lush, green lawn with "Lawn Care: The Complete Beginner's Guide to a Beautiful Green Yard"! This comprehensive guide is your ultimate resource for transforming your yard into a verdant paradise. Whether you’re a novice or a seasoned gardener, this book covers everything you need to know about maintaining a healthy, attractive lawn. Learn how to choose the right type of grass for your climate and soil type, and master the essential lawn care tasks such as mowing, watering, and fertilizing. Our expert advice will help you create a sustainable, low-maintenance lawn that stays green all year round. Dive deep into essential lawn care topics like: Soil Preparation and Testing: Understand the importance of healthy soil and learn how to test and amend it for optimal lawn growth. Grass Selection: Choose the perfect grass variety to suit your climate, lifestyle, and maintenance preferences. Lawn Care Basics: Master the art of mowing, watering, and fertilizing to keep your lawn looking its best. Weed Control and Prevention: Identify common lawn weeds and learn how to effectively manage and prevent them. Pest and Disease Management: Protect your lawn from harmful pests and diseases with our expert tips. Lawn Repair and Renovation: Revive a neglected lawn or tackle common lawn problems with our step-by-step guidance. Seasonal Lawn Care: Understand how to adapt your lawn care routine to suit the changing seasons. And much more! This comprehensive guide also covers advanced topics such as lawn care for slopes and hills, pet-friendly lawn care, and adapting your lawn care routine to extreme weather conditions. Plus, you'll find information on alternative lawns, irrigation system...
maintenance, and DIY lawn care projects to enhance your outdoor space. Get started on your journey to a beautiful green yard today with "Lawn Care: The Complete Beginner's Guide to a Beautiful Green Yard". Transform your outdoor space into a stunning oasis that you and your family can enjoy year after year. Don't wait – invest in your lawn's future and order your copy now! Table of Contents Lawn Care Basics Soil Types and Their Importance Grass Varieties and Selection Lawn Care Tools and Equipment Soil Preparation Testing Soil pH Soil Aeration Techniques Improving Drainage Adding Nutrients and Organic Matter Planting and Establishing a Lawn Seeding Methods Sod Installation Lawn Establishment Timeline Lawn Maintenance Mowing Techniques and Best Practices Watering and Irrigation Systems Fertilization and Nutrient Management Weed Control Identifying Common Weeds Pre-Emergent and Post-Emergent Herbicides Organic Weed Control Methods Pest and Disease Management Common Lawn Pests and Their Control Lawn Diseases and Their Prevention Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Strategies Lawn Renovation and Repair Dethatching and Aerating Overseeding and Reseeding Patch Repair and Sod Replacement Seasonal Lawn Care Spring Lawn Care Tasks Summer Lawn Care Tasks Fall Lawn Care Tasks Winter Lawn Care Tasks Environmentally Friendly Lawn Care Organic Lawn Care Practices Native Plants and Grasses Reducing Water Use and Conserving Resources Lawn Care for Different Regions Lawn Care in Cool-Season Climates Lawn Care in Warm-Season Climates Lawn Care in Transition Zones Creating a Lawn Care Schedule Assessing Lawn Needs and Priorities Developing a Seasonal Plan Adjusting and Adapting to Changing Conditions Advanced Lawn Care Techniques Lawn Striping and Patterns Topdressing and Soil Amendments Lawn Edging and Borders Mulching and Composting Benefits of Mulching Types of Mulch and Their Uses Creating and Using Compost in Lawn Care Lawn Alternatives and Ground Covers Low-Maintenance Lawn Alternatives Ground Covers for Shady Areas Drought-Tolerant Lawn Alternatives Lawn Care for Slopes and Hills Erosion Control Methods Plant Selection for Slopes and Hills Maintenance Tips for Sloped Lawns Lawn Care for Small Spaces Adapting Lawn Care Techniques for Small Lawns Grass Selection for Limited Space Maximizing Visual Impact in Small Spaces Irrigation System Maintenance and Upgrades Inspecting and Maintaining Irrigation Systems Water-Efficient Irrigation Upgrades Smart Irrigation Controllers and Technology Lawn Care for Pets Pet-Friendly Lawn Care Practices Repairing Pet Damage to Lawns Creating Pet-Friendly Outdoor Spaces Lawn Care in Extreme Weather Conditions Drought-Tolerant Lawn Care Practices Managing Lawns in Excessively Wet Conditions Protecting Lawns from Frost and Cold Damage Lawn Care Safety and Precautions Safe Use of Lawn Care Equipment Proper Storage and Handling of Lawn Care Products Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Lawn Care Hiring Lawn Care Professionals Assessing Your Lawn Care Needs Selecting and Hiring a Lawn Care Service Working with a Lawn Care Provider DIY Lawn Care Projects Building Raised Garden Beds Creating Pathways and Walkways Installing Landscape Lighting Have Questions / Comments? Get Another Book Free Reimagining the California Lawn Carol Bornstein 2011 Ready to replace your lawn with a more sustainable landscape? This book features water-conserving plants from around the world and offers design ideas and practical solutions to help you create a vibrant garden that complements our Mediterranean climate. From greenswards and meadows to succulent and kitchen gardens, this book presents alternatives to the traditional lawn that can reduce water use, beautify the landscape, and attract birds and butterflies. --Adapted from back cover.

Under Western Skies Jennifer Jewell 2021-05-11 “Atkinson and Jewell invite each of us to reimagine one’s connection to the land while cultivating nature close to home. A must-read for anyone searching for inspired solutions for designing or refining a garden.” —Emily Murphy, founder of Pass the Pistil From windswept deserts to misty seaside hills and verdant valleys, the natural landscapes of the American West offer an astounding variety of climates for gardens. Under Western Skies reveals thirty-six of the most innovative designs—all embracing and celebrating the very
soul of the land on which they grow. For the
gardeners featured here, nature is the ultimate
inspiration rather than something to be
dominated, and Under Western Skies shows the
strong connection each garden has with its
place. Packed with Atkinson’s stunning
photographs and illuminated by Jewell’s deep
interest in the relationships between people and
the spaces they inhabit, Under Western Skies
offers page after page of encouraging ingenuity
and inventive design for passionate gardeners
who call the West home.

The Lawn Virginia Jenkins 2015-05-26

Lawns now blanket thirty million acres of the United
States, but until the late nineteenth century few
Americans had any desire for a front lawn, much
less access to seeds for growing one. In her
comprehensive history of this uniquely American
obsession, Virginia Scott Jenkins traces the
origin of the front lawn aesthetic, the
development of the lawn-care industry, its
environmental impact, and modern as well as
historic alternatives to lawn mania.

California Friendly Douglas Kent 2017-03-09

California Friendly® is California's future. Water
reliability is dependent on using water wisely.
We need to create sustainable gardens that rely
on less water. This maintenance guide will help
you support California's future:*Uncover the
secrets of efficient irrigation.*Explore the
techniques for irrigating with recycled
water.*Get the maintenance tips for hundreds of
California Friendly® plants.*Discover the
methods and means of managing weed and pest
infestations.*Learn how to maintain rainwater
capture opportunities.This book has been
written for every landscaper, gardener and land
manager in Southern California. It has been
produced by the very first collaboration between
three Southern California organizations,
LADWP, MWD and SoCalGas. Grab a copy--they
are free--use the information in your garden and
help us create a beautiful, thriving and
sustainable future.

Lawn Gone! Pam Penick 2013-02-12

Sustainable Landscaping For Dummies Owen E.
Dell 2009-03-09 Sustainable Landscaping For
Dummies provides hands-on, how-to instruction
for realizing the benefits of a sustainable
landscape, from selecting sustainable hardscape
materials to installing a rain-water catchment
system to choosing native plants.

Lawn Gone! Pam Penick 2013-02-12 A colorful
guide covering the basics of replacing a
traditional lawn with a wide variety of easy-care,
no-mow, drought-tolerant, money-saving options
that will appeal to today's busy, eco-conscious
homeowner. Americans pour 300 million gallons
of gas and 1 billion hours every year into
mowing their lawns, not to mention 70 million
pounds of pesticides and $40 billion for lawn
upkeep. No Wonder the anti-lawn movement is
thriving, as today's eco-conscious consumers
realize that their traditional lawns are water-
hogging, chemical-ridden, maintenance-
intensive burdens. Lawn Gone!, from award-
winning gardening blogger Pam Penick, is the
first basic introduction to low-water, easy-care
lawn alternatives for beginning gardeners,
written in a friendly style with an approachable
package. It covers all the available time-saving
options: alternative grasses, ground cover
plants, artificial turf, hardscaping, mulch, and
more. In addition, it includes step-by-step lawn-
removal methods, strategies for dealing with
neighbors and homeowner associations, and how
to minimize your lawn if you're not ready to go
all the way.

Xeriscape Plant Guide 1996 100 water-wise
plants for gardens and landscapes.

Gardening Your Front Yard Tara Nolan
2020-03-10 Gardening Your Front Yard is an
active, inspiring resource that shows you how to
treat your front yard like a backyard without
sacrificing beauty, from choosing the right
plants to building front patios and walkways.
With her unique combination of DIY/building
savvy and gardening expertise, author Tara
Nolan (Raised Bed Revolution) weaves you past
the main pitfalls you may encounter when trying
to fit a garden or gardens between your home
and the street. This beautiful and comprehensive
hardcover book shows how to accomplish
several hardscape projects, such as building
front patios, borders, edging, and walkways, as
well as making your own raised beds, planting
containers, trellises, rose arbors, privacy
screens, and more—all custom-designed for the
rigors of front-yard gardening. Gardening Your
Front Yard is a garden book in every sense of the
word, however. Choosing the right plants is even
more important when you are dealing with a
small, highly visible area with less than ideal growing conditions—all common traits of most front yards. You will find advice on training vines up brickwork and planting around foundation walls, planting boulevards/hell strips, and you’ll even take a trip into the side yard. Shade gardens, privacy screening, and security dos and don’ts are covered, plus how to intermingle edibles and landscape plants, cactus and succulent gardens, birdbaths, and much, much more. With the sage advice and step-by-step projects of this comprehensive guide, convert your front yard from a bland grasscape to a vital living space.

*The Greater Perfection* Francis H. Cabot 2024-01-17 The story behind the creation of Les Quatre Vents, one of the world’s most breathtaking public gardens. As featured in the 2018 film The Gardener, Les Quatre Vents in Charlevoix County, Quebec, has been acclaimed as the most aesthetically satisfying and horticulturally exciting landscape experience in North America. This twenty-acre garden seamlessly combines traditional elements with original and unexpected touches into a splendid composition that is perfectly compatible with its natural surroundings. The Greater Perfection, first published in 2001, illustrates the delights, diversions, and surprises that await visitors. Francis H. Cabot’s account of his challenges in developing Les Quatre Vents reveals the fascinating process behind the creation of a world-class garden that has become a mecca for horticultural enthusiasts from around the globe. Featuring stunning full-color images by five leading garden photographers, The Greater Perfection is one of the most beautiful books on gardens to appear in years. This new printing includes a foreword by Marianne Welch, Cabot’s daughter, that contextualizes the gardens further and explores how a place rooted in the past has evolved to confront our current reality, including the effects of climate change.

*Lawns Into Meadows* Owen Wormser 2020-07-02 In Laws Into Meadows, landscape designer Owen Wormser makes a case for the power and generosity of meadows. In a world where lawns have wreaked havoc on our natural ecosystems, meadows offer a compelling solution. They establish wildlife and pollinator habitats. They’re low-maintenance and low-cost. They have a built-in resilience that helps them weather climate extremes, and they can draw down and store far more carbon dioxide than any manicured lawn. They’re also beautiful, all year round. Owen describes how to plant an organic meadow that’s right for your site, whether it’s a yard, community garden, or tired city lot. He shares advice on preparing your plot, coming up with the right design, and planting—all without using synthetic chemicals. He passes along tips on building support in neighborhoods where a tidy lawn is the standard. Owen also profiles twenty-one starter grasses and flowers for beginning meadow-makers, and offers guidance on how to grow each one. To illuminate the many joys of meadow-building, Owen draws on his own stories, including how growing up off the grid in northern Maine, with no electricity or plumbing, prepared him for his work. The book, part how-to guide and part memoir, is for environmentalists and climate activists, gardeners and non-gardeners alike. Laws Into Meadows is part of Stone Pier Press’s Citizen Gardening series, which teaches readers how to grow food and garden in ways that are good for the planet.

*Covering Ground* Barbara W. Ellis 2012-11-09 Ground covers are a pretty and practical way to bring diversity, elegance, and durability to open sweeps of lawn. Give your landscape a vibrant new palette that is both sustainable and low-maintenance through plantings of herbs, shrubs, mosses, and more. Barbara W. Ellis provides a variety of full-color lawn designs and professional planting advice to get you started. You’ll be amazed as your ordinary lawn transforms into a striking display of color and texture.

*Redesigning the American Lawn* F. Herbert Bormann 2001-01-01 This new edition, which is being reissued in a more artistic format and with many additional illustrations, updates the original text and adds a chapter showing what progress has been made in the ecological management of landscapes over the past decade."--BOOK JACKET.

*A New Garden Ethic* Benjamin Vogt 2017-09-01 In a time of climate change and mass extinction, how we garden matters more than ever: “An outstanding and deeply passionate book.”
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—Marc Bekoff, author of The Emotional Lives of Animals Plenty of books tell home gardeners and professional landscape designers how to garden sustainably, what plants to use, and what resources to explore. Yet few examine why our urban wildlife gardens matter so much—not just for ourselves, but for the larger human and animal communities. Our landscapes push aside wildlife and in turn diminish our genetically programmed love for wildness. How can we get ourselves back into balance through gardens, to speak life’s language and learn from other species? Benjamin Vogt addresses why we need a new garden ethic, and why we urgently need wildness in our daily lives—lives sequestered in buildings surrounded by monocultures of lawn and concrete that significantly harm our physical and mental health. He examines the psychological issues around climate change and mass extinction as a way to understand how we are short-circuiting our response to global crises, especially by not growing native plants in our gardens. Simply put, environmentalism is not political; it’s social justice for all species marginalized today and for those facing extinction tomorrow. By thinking deeply and honestly about our built landscapes, we can create a compassionate activism that connects us more profoundly to nature and to one another.

Natural Landscaping Sally Roth 2002-04-20 Now Create a Landscape that’s Naturally Beautiful, Naturally Inviting, Naturally Easy to Care for! Natural Landscaping shows you how to create your own woodland gardens, shade gardens, wildflower meadows, prairie gardens, water gardens, songbird gardens, hummingbird gardens, and butterfly gardens! It includes: - 9 detailed, full-color plans to provide plenty of inspiration. - 234 easy-care plant ideas to take the guesswork out of plant-work! - Plenty of projects and techniques that let you build in structure at your own pace! - Plus scores of finishing touches to help you achieve just the look you want! It’s packed with real-life examples, garden plans, colorful combinations, at-a-glance plant charts, expert tips, related projects, and custom options, with lavish color photos and illustrations.

Shrink Your Lawn 2008 Design away some of your lawn with this inspiring illustrated collection of ideas from the Editor of the LessLawn website.

The Complete Book of Ground Covers Gary Lewis 2022-10-11 Ground covers are widely thought of as utilitarian—we turn to them when we have a problem that needs a solution. How fast will it fill an area? Can we put it into the tight spaces between pavers? How much foot traffic can it withstand? Yet these plants also offer a diverse range of beautiful and intriguing options with a variety of colors, textures, and forms. They can unify a landscape, knit together plantings and hardscape, and add extra layers of beauty, dynamism, and surprise. As a replacement for lawns, they can reduce our use of water, fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides, carbon-based fuels, and transform a yard into a diverse landscape of habitat and food for native insects, birds, and other wildlife. In this meticulously researched reference, nurseryman Gary Lewis profiles more than 4000 ground covers that can perform these roles with aplomb.

No matter what kinds of conditions you’re facing—shade, dry soil, heavy clay, excess moisture—there’s a ground cover that will thrive and beautify your garden. Comprehensive, practical, and copiously illustrated, this indispensable volume belongs on the shelf of every designer, landscape architect, and serious gardener.

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