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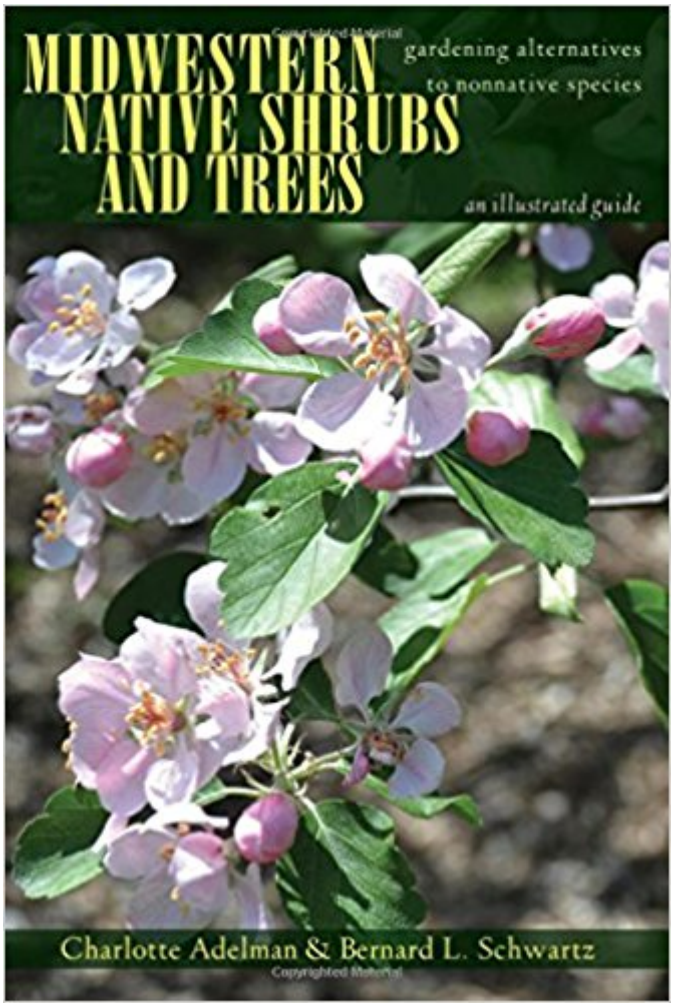

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Synopsis

â œOne of the most important recent reference books recently published is Midwestern Native Shrubs and Trees: Gardening Alternatives to Nonnative Speciesâ | An extraordinary amount of information is found in this guide, including extensive descriptions of hundreds of non-native plants and their native alternatives to plant in your yard.â • â ” The Cleveland Plain DealerIn this companion volume to the bestselling The Midwestern Native Garden: Native Alternatives to Nonnative Plants, Charlotte Adelman and Bernard L. Schwartz offer another indispensible guide to replacing nonnative plants with native alternatives. This time, their subject is the native woody species that are the backbone of our gardens and landscapes. Among other ecological benefits, native shrubs and trees provide birds and butterflies with vital food and reproductive sites that nonnative species cannot offer. And they tend to be hardier and easier to maintain. The authors provide a comprehensive selection of native woody alternatives that, season by season, provide effects similar to those of nonnative shrubs and trees used for ornamental purposes and shade. These plants are suitable for all garden styles, provide blooms and fall color, and have the same cultivation requirements as their nonnative counterparts. Nature notes alert readers to the native speciesâ ™ unique ecological roles. Unlike other gardening guides, Midwestern Native Shrubs and Trees goes beyond mere suggestion to provide gardeners with the tools they need to make informed, thoughtful choices. Knowing which native species to plant for desired effects empowers landscapers and gardeners to take on a greater role in protecting our midwestern environment.

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Customer Reviews

â œThe preface and introduction alone set this book apart. Those few pages unfurl revelations â | Like no other, the book points to human failure to anticipate the repercussions of widespread importation and cultivation of alien plants as replacements for natives. The authors deliver much more than the title promises." â ” The Cavity Conservation Initiativeâ œFor nature lovers, artists at heart or homeowners who simply want low-maintenance landscapes, the authors make a convincing case.â • â ” Columbus Dispatchâ œA nice touch in the latest book is explaining what trees and shrubs can give back within each season. What flowers in the spring and summer? What gives us beautiful leaf color in the fall? And what interesting bark, decorative shapes and evergreens can perk up your yard in the dead of winter?...Pick any tree or shrub in your yard. You'll find out whether it's native or not if you look it up in their latest book.â • â ”Mom, I Think I'm Poignant!â œA comprehensive and ambitious undertakingâ | Meticulously researched and annotated, this in-depth guide synthesizes a vast body of knowledge on subjects ranging from native and nonnative woody plants to biodiversity, lepidopterology (study of butterflies and moths), and ornithology (study of birds).â • â ”The Gardenerâ ™s Pathâ œMidwestern Native Shrubs and Trees...is packed with information and photos about native Midwestern plants and the species that benefit from themâ ”primarily insects and birds.... With this in mind, [Adelman and Schwartz] dive in, dividing the book into seasons of the year as a way to introduce the benefits of native trees and shrubs."â ‰â ”â ‰The Mike Nowak Show

Its wonderful to try to identify some of the wonderful trees and shrubs I see. This book definitely helps that process.

Excellent book for those interested in native landscaping!

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