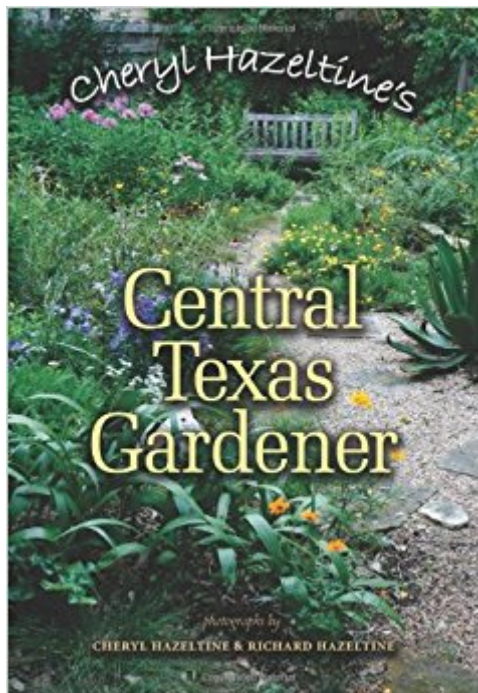




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# **Cheryl Hazeltine's Central Texas Gardener (Louise Lindsey Merrick Natural Environment Series)**



## Synopsis

For almost thirty years, gardeners from Dallas to San Antonio have come to depend on Cheryl Hazeltine for expert advice on getting the most from their trees, shrubs, yardscapes, flowering plants, and vegetables. Now, in this newly updated edition, lavishly illustrated in color throughout, Cheryl Hazeltine's *Central Texas Gardener* brings readers reliable information on what to grow and how to grow it, including the latest tips on organic methods, a few favorite recipes, and helpful websites. Containing a generous sprinkling of sidebars, bulleted lists, and special icons that quickly guide users to pertinent information, this must-have book has the know-how you need for gardening success throughout the heart of the Lone Star State.

**Critical Praise for Previous Editions:**

- "An excellent overview to planting in 57 counties . . . ." —*Austin American-Statesman*
- "Amateur and seasoned gardeners will benefit . . . ." —*Publishers Weekly*
- "This is one you can read from front to back and gain a tremendous amount of knowledge about gardening, both general and regional. The authors' conversational style and sense of humor will encourage you to linger over it, and you may soon find yourself making time to linger longer in your garden." —*Gardens*
- "A wonderfully informative book for a region of the country with great gardening potential and challenges. . . ." —*Current Books on Gardening and Botany*

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"Cheryl's hunger for new gardening knowledge and her vast gardening experience make this book rich with invaluable information for Central Texas gardeners and yardeners."--Doug Welsh, author, Doug Welsh's Texas Garden Almanac (Douglas F. Welsh, Ph.D)"If one wants to have a garden, a lawn, trees, flowering plants, or wants to simply control pests, one should look no further than Central Texas Gardener written by Cheryl Hazeltine with photos by Richard Hazeltine. . . It is a gardening book without peer. The author has a conversational style and a clever sense of humor, but she knows her stuff. I don't know her, but I'll bet she is 'good gal'. . . An extra dose of credit should be given to Richard, her photographer and husband. His photos are great. . . It is so informative and interesting, it is hard to put it down. Simply being able to identify plants around the place makes the book, a valuable friend. The book and its pictures make gardening a new and exciting project. . . Now if the Hazeltines can write a book just as good on raising kids, this will be a better place. If you have a desire to grow something, get a copy of Central Texas Gardener." - Jerry Turner, Mexia Daily News (Jerry Turner Mexia Daily News 2011-05-17)

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I lived in the St. Louis, MO area for over 40 years and I was pretty successful in growing small vegetable gardens. I understood the seasons and what would grow and what wouldn't grow in that part of the mid-west. I moved to San Antonio about 7 years and everything that I knew about growing herbs and vegetables was thrown on its ear. It is a whole different ballgame now that I live in South-Central Texas and what I used to know doesn't apply anymore. This book came to the rescue. Although the book covers both food crops and ornamentals it contains enough information to help you to be successful in both or either endeavor. One of the facts that surprised me was that Central Texas gardeners can grow something eatable in their plots all year around. It may not be tomatoes or melons but it seldom gets cold enough to kill root vegetables like garlic, radishes and a few others. I also had to get used to some of weird bugs and diseases that plague this area. This book gave me the information that I needed to be successful in this hot, humid, waterless climate. The book is full of charts, graphs and photos that flesh out its very useful and helpful information. As far as I am concerned, this is the go-to book for the Central Texas gardener.

I am relatively new to Central Texas gardening and thought this book would be helpful to get things going and it will be, sort of. It has more information relative to my area than most gardening books I have found but still not enough. I am looking for something that has some sort of spreadsheet with what varieties can be grown in my county and at what time they should be planted and if they should be started from seed directly in the garden or transplanted. I have just ordered another book and have higher hopes for it. All in all not a bad book, easy to read and understand, gives listings of potentially helpful websites but just not what I needed. I don't want information on landscape, I am actually anti-landscape; I want information on edible ornamental, front yard victory gardens and functional as well as practical flora and fauna for my area, am I asking too much?

Perfect descriptions of all plants and shrubs and trees. We need to conserve water here in north Texas.

This book is a treasure for gardeners in Central Texas. Terrific photographs of so many plants suited for the area. The book contains a wealth of information on most of the challenges and rewards of gardening in Central Texas.

This book has a lot of color photos that are quite useful in identifying plants. Regarding substance, I do not think it is as useful as Howard Garret's gardening books.

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