The Dry Gardening Handbook
Plants and Practices for a Changing Climate
Olivier Filippi

Making a garden that can withstand summer drought without being watered is the dream of many who wish to garden in harmony with the environment. In this classic work on gardening in dry climates, first published in 2008, Olivier Filippi offers practical advice to achieve this goal based on his, and his wife Clara's, experience of working with Mediterranean-region plants for over 30 years.

The first part of the book examines the behaviour of plants that face drought in their natural habitat. What is drought and how do plants manage to survive when little water is available? The second part is concerned with gardening techniques in a dry climate. How do you prepare the soil, when do you plant, how do you maintain a dry garden? The third and longest part describes in detail no less than 500 rewarding plants that are marvellously well adapted to dry gardens.

This book is essential reading for gardeners who live in one of the world's Mediterranean climate zones and will also be of interest to gardeners in areas where drought is becoming a recurring problem. Armed with a new palette of plants and liberated from the hose and the sprinkler this book invites you on a pioneering adventure that paves the way to a new style of gardening.

* Classic guide to gardening in dry climates now back in print
* Expert author who specializes in dry garden plants
* Practical guide with tried-and-tested techniques
* More relevant than ever in our changing climate

Reviews

'Superb... [includes] arguably the most comprehensive A-Z of drought-tolerant plants ever assembled' -- Gardens Illustrated

'Excellent... almost completely focused on plants' -- The Independent on Sunday

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Olivier Filippi and his wife Clara run a nursery in the South of France that specializes in exceptional Mediterranean plants. Over 30 years, their pioneering plant research has taken them to many of the world's dry-climate regions and given them a unique understanding of the plants that grow there. They trial plants in their own experimental garden and grow them for leading garden designers. In addition to being the author of three books on dry-climate plants, Olivier Filippi is also a photographer and inspiring lecturer who speaks to a wide international audience on his specialist subject.

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