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Attracting Beneficial Bugs To Your Garden: A Natural Approach To Pest Control



Synopsis

Winner of the American Horticultural Society Book Award *Insects* are indeed valuable garden companions, especially the assassin bugs, damsel bugs, stink bugs, and other predatory carnivores that eat the insects that dine on your garden. *Attracting Beneficial Bugs to Your Garden* is a book about bugs and plants, and how to create a garden that benefits from both. In addition to information on companion planting and commercial options for purchasing bugs, there are 19 detailed bug profiles and 39 plant profiles. These profiles include a description, a photograph for identification, an explanation of what they can do to support pest control. Design plans show how to create a border specifically for the natural, sustainable inclusion of beneficial bugs in your garden.

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Customer Reviews

Early in her career as a gardener for hire, Walliser had an epiphany while watching the David Attenborough documentary *Life in the Undergrowth*. The sight of two hermaphroditic leopard slugs making love sparked both a fascination for insects and a reconsideration of the need for pesticides in her work. Her newfound passion for entomological research resulted in her acclaimed guide to garden insects, *Good Bug Bad Bug* (2011), and now this fact-filled handbook on natural pest-control methods. To encourage the good bugs “in hopes of mitigating the pesty ones,” Walliser offers invaluable advice on how to identify such “beneficials” as ladybugs, ground beetles, and parasitoid wasps, as well as how to select a diversity of bug-attracting plants to

promote a healthy balance between insect predator and prey. Alphabetical bug and plant profiles are included for easy reference. While the subject matter and close-up photographs of insects eating insects may make some readers squirm, dedicated gardeners will discover enough solid information and genuine motivation to finally put down their bug spray. --Carl Hays

“Jessica Walliser lets readers in on the secrets to a garden that buzzes with activity. Her profiles, on the insects that fight pests and the best plants for attracting them, offer clear, practical tips.” • Martha Stewart Living “An aid for teachers as well as gardeners, who want to know more about the insects in their world.” • The Indianapolis Star “With [Jessica Walliser’s] help, you can learn how to control pests through your gardening practices rather than your choice of insecticide.” • Gardening How-To “A detailed, wholistic, and wonderfully illustrated guide to the lifestyles of all the insects that inhabit the organic garden as well as creating the conditions needed to encourage those you want in the fight against those you don’t.” • Planet Natural “A delight! Easy to read and entertaining, yet packed with information not only on the beneficial insects themselves, but on the plants that can attract and support them, and on how to incorporate them into your garden. Highly recommended!” • It’s Not Work, It’s Gardening “Attracting Beneficial Bugs to Your Garden by Jessica Walliser, is a fresh look at an unavoidable part of the gardening experience. . . . a must-have tool for new and experienced gardeners alike.” • Free Press

I’ve spent a lifetime enjoying the "wild side." I love this book for laying out, step by step, what’s great about this or that beneficial, how to use their expertise, and how to attract, keep, and hopefully see again next year. I’ve been an "organic gardener" for roughly 50 years. I love that this added to my knowledge.

Love this book. I’m a huge fan of understanding the hidden garden world. I find the information on Herbivore Induced Plant Volatiles (semiochemical) fascinating. I’ve been an organic gardener for several years using products like Captain Jack spinosad and Serenade (fungicide). After reading this book, I am going 'no spray' next vegetable garden season. I have to wonder how much interference I’ve caused in plant communication by using sprays and drenches. I’m ready to let mother nature do her stuff. Highly recommend this book.

Well written and informative book on bugs that are needed in the garden. Well-illustrated too.

So much knowledge provided in this book. It will take time to learn the good from the bad but all are welcome in my garden.

Jessica Walliser's enthusiasm for this topic is infectious. Everything you could possibly want to know about the topic and wonderful examples and pictures.

This is a new book that I am recommending to all of my environmental groups from Master Gardeners, Master Naturalists, Garden Clubs, Landscapers etc. I've "lived" pesticide free for over 15 years and my garden is healthy and full of life! We need to relax more and let Mom Nature do her magic! Thank you Ms. Walliser for a well written and well researched and VERY readable guide to the Good Guy Bugs in our world.

An easy-to-read book about how important bugs are to our planet and gardens. Jessica Walliser definitely knows her subject matter.

Great book for off season reading.

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