

GARDEN RESOURCES

Books from the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources are available at University Cooperative Extension office here in Madera.

- **Abiotic Disorders of Landscape Plants: A Diagnostic Guide.** This new book contains a wealth of information to help you diagnose abiotic disorders in landscape plants-disorders caused by environmental, physiological, or other non-biological factors. Recommended for landscape professionals.
- **Mealybugs in California Vineyards.** This identification guide covers six mealybug species that are of concern in California vineyards managers. Illustrated with over 30 colored photos.
- **Cover Cropping in Vineyards: A Grower's Handbook.** Based on extensive research, this guide details technical and theoretical information on how cover crops affect vineyards and promote ecological stability. A great source of information about which cover crop is right for your situation.
- **The California Master Gardeners Handbook:** This is a definitive guide to gardening in California. At over 700 pages, no other California gardening guide contains this depth of information. The Handbook is an invaluable reference too for all gardeners. 5000 copies were sold the first year.
- **Pests of the Garden and Small Farm:** A growers guide to using less pesticide, 2nd edition. This is a convenient handbook covers insects, mites, plant diseases, nematodes and weeds of fruit and nut trees and vegetables.
- **Healthy Roses: Environmentally Friendly ways to manage Pests and Disorders in your Garden and Landscape.** This is a well-written guide for the rose enthusiast. The reader will learn how to identify problems, take action when appropriate, and recognize beneficial insects. Illustrated.

Available from Agricultural Cooperative Extension Office, Fresno.

1. **A Guide to Trees, Shrubs and Vines for the San Joaquin Valley (handout).**
2. **A Gardeners Companion for the San Joaquin Valley by Master Gardeners of Fresno County.** Created as a gardening tool offering garden tips, a journal offering seasonal tips.
3. **Trees and Shrubs of California.** John Stuart and John Sawyer. UC press. Gives locations and descriptions for over 300 trees and shrubs.

Good Garden Books For Our Area

Sunset Western Garden Book: 8,000 plant listings, 30 plant selection guides, ornamental grasses, plants that attract hummingbirds, plants for windy area.

Sunset Western Garden Problem Solver: Look up problem by plant type, disease or insect. IPM approach.

Ornamental Plants: Their care, use, propagation, and identification. D. Dwight Wait. Includes botanical pronunciation, foliage, color, flower, soil preference, fertilization, cold hardiness, water requirements.

American Horticultural Society's "Plant Propagation." Alan Toogood. 1500 plants, 1800 photos and illustrations. Best ways and times of the year to propagate each plant.

American Horticultural Society's "Pruning and Training." Christopher Brickell and David Joyce. 800 plants are grouped and listed with details and information on the general pruning principles for each group.

Sunset Pruning Handbook: Hundreds of trees shrubs, vines, fruits, nuts and berries. When to prune underlined.

Rodale's Color Handbook of Garden Insects. Anna Carr. Rodale. Full color, insect photo's. Small book, good for carrying into the garden.

The Complete Book on Fruit: Bob Flowerdew. 85 varieties of fruit and nuts, their history, cultivation, pest control, harvesting and storing.

Othro's All About Vegetables. Quick reference. Covers the basics.

Rodale's All-New Encyclopedia of Organic Gardening. Over 400 entries with a good selection on soils. Soil is the key to successful gardening.

A Natural History of Western Trees. Donald Culross Peattie. 750 pages with rich descriptions, especially of oaks including valley oaks.

Streams of the San Joaquin-The Valley of the Tules: Geographic and ecological considerations of California's San Joaquin by a well respected former Fresno State instructor, Robert Edminster.

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