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PREFACE

#### Scope

The following is a selected bibliography of works which deal with or relate to desert plants and their cultivation. Most of the works listed have been selected with the beginning "desert gardener" in mind. However, although our aim is to acquaint the novice desert gardener with works of potential interest to him, a number of works are included which should serve well those who may wish to expand their interest in the field.

The majority of works listed deal with the flora of the Southwestern desert regions of the United States. All are in English, and most are held by the Library of the New York Botanical Garden.

#### Use

For the majority of works listed we have attempted to describe a number of essential features. Included among these are:

- 1) scope
- 2) major features
- 3) level of presentation
- 4) quality of presentation
- 5) noteworthy features

In addition, for those works which deal with the cultivation of the flora (Section II), we have noted the coverage of each with regard to the growing conditions under which it discusses a plant's cultivation. However, for several works the reader will find no annotation. While such works have not been examined, information from reliable sources indicate that they are highly relevant to this compilation.

While this bibliography is primarily intended as a guide to the literature on the cultivation of native desert plants, readers may find other uses for it. The works in the section on desert regions offer a good overview of these areas (Section I-A). For those individuals interested in learning about desert plants, but not their cultivation at this time, the various works in Sections I-A, I-B and I-C will serve this interest well. Those who may have an opportunity to travel to the Southwest, or who may live in this region, will appreciate the list of gardens, national parks and monuments, and other organizations which are involved with desert plants or which specialize in cultivation (Sections V-A and V-B).

Gardeners whose interest in the desert, its plants and their cultivation, has turned into a life-long hobby will appreciate the list of journals and other periodicals which are devoted to them (Section IV). Individuals who may be hesitant about pursuing an interest in desert gardening will be encouraged by the list of clubs, societies and associations which are concerned with desert plants, and the works which list or describe them (Section V-C). The list of nurseries and other dealers which can supply desert plants will be of interest to the hobbyist and novice alike (Section VI).

For individuals who may wish to purchase works of particular interest to them, we have noted the current price for each, when available. To help such persons obtain these works, we have included a list of major publishers, bookstores, and other organizations which publish or which can supply the types of works listed (Section VII).

No matter what use readers may find for this bibliography, it is truly hoped that they will come to enjoy, appreciate and understand the unusual and unique flora of the Southwestern desert regions.

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#### I. THE DESERT

#### A. Desert Regions

Dodge, Natt. 1955. The American Southwest: A Guide to the Wide Open Spaces. New York, Simon and Schuster. 160 pp.

A popular pocket guide to the Southwest for the traveller or vacationer. Overview of the Southwest--its history, geology, natural history, etc. Chapters on the fauna and flora of the region. Presents concise, essential aspects of the topics. Good maps, colored line drawings. Index.

Dunbier, Roger. 1970. The Sonoran Desert: Its Geography, Economy and People. Tucson, University of Arizona Press. 426 pp. \$10.00

An in-depth economic study of the Sonoran desert region. Its first five chapters offer a semi-technical discussion of the desert and its vegetation. Excellent maps, charts and B/W photographs. Index.

Jaeger, Edmund C. 1955. The California Deserts. Stanford University Press. 3rd ed. 211 pp. \$4.95.

A semi-technical overview of the history, geology and climate of these deserts. Chapters on the trees and shrubs, fungi, ferns and grasses and wildflowers. For each plant, its characteristics and habitat are briefly described. Excellent line drawings of the wildflowers. General index includes a list of the botanical names of plants.

Kirk, Ruth. 1973. Desert: The American Southwest. Boston, Houghton-Mifflin. 361 pp. \$10.00.

A clear, somewhat technical, yet popular text on the Southwest deserts. Offers a lengthy discussion of the desert fauna and flora. Excellent B/W and color photographs. Selective list of the botanical names of plants. General index.

Larson, Peggy. 1970. Deserts of America. Englewood Cliffs, Prentice-Hall. 340 pp.

A popular, easy-to-read text on the North American deserts, their fauna and flora. Lengthy discussion of desert ephemerals and perennials, creosote and cacti. Chapters on the saguaro and saguaro community, and the cholla community. Clear one-half page to full page B/W photographs of desert scenes, fauna and vegetation. Index.

Sutton, Ann and Myron. 1966. The Life of the Desert. New York, McGraw-Hill. 232 pp. \$5.50.

A profusely illustrated work which offers an excellent overview of the Southwestern deserts, their fauna and flora. Ideal as an introduction for young adults or individuals who may have little knowledge of these subjects. One hundred excellent color photographs, many full page. Excellent line drawings, diagrams and B/W photographs. Useful appendices. Excellent bibliography.

# B. Desert Vegetation--Pictorial Works

Butcher, Russell D. 1976. The Desert. New York, Viking Press. 128 pp. \$17.50.

Offers an excellent summary of each of the Southwestern deserts. Second half of the work is a collection of color photographs of desert scenes and vegetation by the author.

Earle, W. Hubert. N.D. Cacti, Wildflowers and Desert Plants of Arizona. Phoenix, Arizona Development Board. 15 pp.

A booklet on the common and better known plants of Arizona native to its desert region. Excellent close-up color photographs of each plant. For each, its popular and botanical names, and brief description of its characteristics, blooming season, habitat, etc., are provided.

Muench, Josef. 1974. The Southwest of Josef Muench. Phoenix, Arizona Highways. 80 pp. \$3.00.

A collection of color photographs by one of the most respected and well-known photographers of the Southwest. Includes excellent photographs of the desert flora. Biographical information on Muench.

Pickwell, Gayle. 1939. Deserts. New York, McGraw-Hill. 174 pp.

Excellent full page B/W photographs of desert scenes, plants and animals. May also serve as an introduction to the desert and its vegetation. Readable format. General index includes a list of the common and botanical names of plants.

# C. Desert Vegetation--General Works

Carr, William. 1947. Desert Parade: A Guide to Southwestern Desert Plants and Wildlife. New York, Viking Press. 96 pp.

A popular introduction and handy reference to the more common trees and shrubs, and wildflowers of the Southwest deserts. For each plant a brief, yet concise description is provided. Use and common names are also noted. B/W photographs of the more popular plants. For the more difficult names a pronunciation key is provided.

Jaeger, Edmund C. 1941. Desert Wildflowers. Stanford, Stanford University Press. 322 pp. \$7.95 (\$2.95 pap.).

This semi-technical, yet readable book is the best inventory of the vegetation of the Southwestern deserts, excluding the cacti. Arrangement is by family. Below each is listed the species native to the Southwestern deserts. For each plant, an easy-to-read description, uses, flowering season, etc., are provided. Excellent line drawings and B/W photographs. General index includes common and botanical names of plants. Excellent.

Welles, Philip. 1960. Meet the Southwest Deserts. Globe, Dale Stuart King. 82 pp. \$5.45 (\$2.45 pap.).

A popular introduction to the fauna and flora of the desert regions. Offers a concise description of the more common succulents and trees and shrubs. Habitat, uses, botanical name, etc. are noted. Good B/W photographs for most of the plants. General index. No wildflowers.

#### D. Desert Vegetation--Specific Plants

#### 1. Cacti

Armer, Laura. 1934. Cactus. New York, Frederick A. Stokes Co. 102 pp.

A popular, easy-to-read guide to the more common cacti of the Southwest and Mexico. For each cactus, which is listed by common name, a brief description of the plant, its habitat, height and flower is given. A separate botanical description of the plant, including its scientific name, is provided. A brief paragraph geared to the enthusiast who may wish to hunt cacti in the field follows. In many cases mention is made of the use made of the plant by the Indians, the nature of the plant's fruit or its unusual characteristics. B/W line drawings. Table of contents only.

Baxter, E. M. 1935. California Cacti. Los Angeles, Abbey San Encino Press. 93 pp.

A popular handbook-guide to the cacti of California. Arrangement is taxonomic. For each species, its common name, similar and related cacti are noted. Brief description of the flower and fruit. B/W photograph for each. Common name-botanical name glossary.

Benson, Lyman. 1969. Cacti of Arizona. Tucson, University of Arizona Press. 218 pp. \$7.95.

A highly authoritative, semi-technical taxonomy of the cacti of Arizona. For each plant, a clear, concise description is given. A detailed half-page map indicates the distribution of each plant. A textual account is also given. Excellent clear B/W photographs. Some color. Excellent charts, tables and format. Useful best as a reference work on the cacti of the state. General index includes common and botanical names of plants.

Benson, Lyman. 1969. The Native Cacti of California. Stanford, Stanford University Press. 243 pp. \$7.95.

A semi-technical account of the cacti of California. Arrangement is taxonomic. For each plant, its botanical name, common name and a highly detailed physical description are provided. Brief notes on the plant's habitat and range. Several color photographs. Glossary. General index includes common and botanical names of plants.

Borg, J. 1937. Cacti; A Gardener's Handbook for Their Identification and Cultivation. London, Macmillan and Co. 419 pp. (International Publications Service, \$15.00)

A handy, one volume taxonomy of the cactus family for the gardener. Intended to serve as a substitute for the technical and voluminous The Cactaceae by Britton and Rose. For each plant, a clear, concise semi-botanical description is given, including fruit, flower and seed. Alphabetical index of the scientific names of the genera and species of the family.

Britton, N. L. and Rose, J. N. 1963. The Cactaceae: Descriptions and Illustrations of Plants of the Cactus Family. New York, Dover Publications. (Republication of the Second Edition published in 1937).

1053 pp. Four volumes in two.

The classic authoritative taxonomy of the cactus family. For each species a highly detailed botanical description is provided. A note on synonomy, the type of locality where the species may be found, its distribution and sources of illustrations are included. Good B/W photographs, paintings and line drawings of most species and their parts. Index at the end of each volume. Dated.

Carlson, Raymond. 1954. The Flowering Cactus: An Informative Guide. New York, McGraw-Hill Book Co. 96 pp. A photographic overview of the cacti in flower, most from the Southwest. Excellent large color photographs. 'Guide to the Flowering Cactus' serves as an index to the photographs. Botanical and common names listed in alphabetical order.

Craig, Robert T. 1945. Mammillaria Handbook. Pasadena, Abbey Garden Press. 390 pp. (Johnson Reprint Co., \$21.00)

A semi-technical taxonomy of the genus Mammillaria, the second largest genus of the Cactaceae. Although predominant in Mexico, some species are native to the American Southwest. For each plant a concise factual description of its characteristics, flower, fruit and seed is noted. A note on the type of locale in which each is found is also provided. A clear B/W photograph for most is also provided. Index of the Mammillaria in alphabetical order by genus and species.

Dawson, E. Yale. 1966. Cacti of California. Berkeley, University of California Press. 64 pp. \$2.65 (Pap.)

A popular easy to read and understand pocket guide to the cacti of California. For each plant, its habitat, range and characteristics are noted. Line drawings are included for most. A section of slide-size color photographs of most of the plants is also included. Glossary. Index of common and botanical names of plants.

Dawson, E. Yale. 1963. How to Know the Cacti. Dubuque, William C. Brown Co. 158 pp. Wire coil: \$4.95; Text: \$5.95.

An identification 'key' to the more common cacti of the United States. B/W photographs for many. Although a lengthy chapter on cacti morphology is included, some understanding of botanical terminology is required to make easy use of the key. Index and picture glossary. Another work in the Pictured Key Nature Series. Useful as a field guide.

Earle, Hubert W. 1963. Cacti of the Southwest. Phoenix, Desert Botanical Garden of Arizona. 112 pp. Science Bulletin No. 4.

Offers a concise taxonomy of the cacti native to the Southwest. For each species, a note on its habitat, and its botanical and common names are given. A highly detailed popular description of the species is provided. Localities where the plant may be found is also noted. Good close-up B/W photographs for most. General notes on the cacti and its cultivation. Useful glossary of terms applied to cacti plants. Index.

Glass, Charles and Foster, Robert. 1977. Cactus and Succulents for the Amateur. New York, Van Nostrand Reinhold. 72 pp. \$4.95.

A popular handbook on the cacti and succulents by the editors of the Cactus and Succulent Journal intended for the novice. Offers a general overview of the succulent members of most plant families. First section of work is a good introduction to cultivation, propagation, pests and diseases, etc. Scores of excellent B/W photographs. Table of contents only.

Haines, Ben M. 1975. Handbook of Cold Climate Cacti and Succulents. Rev. ed. Topeka, Central OK Printing Inc. 65 pp. \$3.25.

A work devoted exclusively to the cacti (and other succulents) known to withstand the climate of the temperate zone of the U.S., specifically Topeka, Kansas. Includes many of the cacti native to the Southwest. A one-half page B/W photograph, brief description and a note on cultivation is provided. Appendix is an alphabetical listing of plants which are available from the author, a specialist in supplying cacti and succulents of this type.

Higgins, Vera. 1946. Study of Cacti. London, Blanford Press. 144 pp.

A handy, one volume reference guide on the cactus family. Useful chapters on classification, nomenclature, geographic distribution and cultivation of the family. Last chapter offers a concise description of the genera. General index.

Lamb, Edgar and Brian. 1974. Colorful Cacti of the American Deserts. New York, Macmillan Publishing Co. 236 pp. \$5.95.

A pocket guide to selective cacti of the Southwest. Many of the popular species represented. Excellent color photographs for all. Simplified classification of the genera and a simplified botanical description of the species. Index of the botanical names. A separate index of common names.

Lindsay, George. 1963. Cacti of San Diego County: A Non-Technical Guide. San Diego, San Diego Society of Natural History. 48 pp.

As indicated by its title, this work is a non-technical booklet on the more common cacti of San Diego County, southern California. For each species, a brief description of its characteristics, flowering season, uses, etc., is provided. The fact that the work notes specific places where particular cacti may be found makes it an excellent field guide. Index of botanical and common names of plants.

Schulz, Ellen. 1930. Texas Cacti: A Popular and Scientific Account of the Cacti Native of Texas. San Antonio, Texas Academy of Science. 181 pp.

A semi-technical taxonomy of the cacti of Texas. For each species its habitat, characteristics, distribution, synonomy, etc. are

noted. Index of popular and botanical names of plants. A few B/W photographs. Useful glossary.

Stockwell, William Palmer. 1933. Arizona Cacti. Tucson, University of Arizona Press. 116 pp.

A semi-technical taxonomy of the cacti of Arizona. First half of the work is an identification 'key' of line drawings to the genera and species of the Cactaceae. Good instruction and examples on using the key. For each species a brief textual description and a note on its habitat are provided. The 'key' makes the work an easy to use field guide on the cacti of the state. E/W photographs, some color.

Venning, Frank D. 1974. Cacti. New York, Golden Press. 160 pp. \$1.95 (pap.)

A popular pocket guide on cacti, many native to the Southwest. Arranged by botanical name. For each plant, a colored line drawing of the species in flower, and a B/W sketch of the plant in relation to a standard are included. A brief textual description, common name, range, etc., are also provided. General index. Excellent bibliography of works about cacti and succulents. A Golden Guide.

#### 2. Succulents

Alexander, E. J. 1942. Succulent Plants of New and Old World Deserts. New York, New York Hotanical Garden. 64 pp.

A popular, general introduction to the succulent plants (other than cacti) of the desert. A chapter on the succulent plants of the American deserts offers an excellent overview of the succulents of the Southwest (agave, yucca, etc.). B/W photographs. Index of succulent plants.

Bertrand, Andre D. 1953. Succulent Plants Other Than Cacti. New York, Philosophical Library. 112 pp.

An excellent pocket guide to succulent plants. Includes a comparative chapter on all the families which have succulent members. Separate chapters on each family as well. Although the work only briefly covers succulents of the United States, it is an excellent introduction to succulents in general.

Jacobsen, Hermann. 1960. Handbook of Succulent Plants. London, Blanford Press. 1441 pp. (3 volumes). \$60.00.

A definitive handbook of succulents other than cacti. For each plant its botanic family, native country, habitat and a simple

description are provided. B/W photographs for selected plants. Includes many native to the Southwest desert regions. Useful as a reference work for the enthusiast.

McKelvey, Susan D. 1938. Yuccas of the Southwestern United States. Jamaica Plain, Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University. 342 pp.

A definitive study of the Yuccas of the United States. Arrangement is taxonomic. A lengthy detailed description of each species is given. Detailed locales are noted and distribution maps are included for selected species. Excellent clear B/W photographs for most species. Photographs make the work useful as a guide for identification or selection. Alphabetical index of common and botanical names of plants. Two parts.

Webber, Susan D. 1953. Yuccas of the Southwest. Washington, U. S. Government Printing Office. 97 pp. 72 plates.

A technical, authoritative, thorough study of the Yucca genus. Includes a taxonomy of many of the classified species. A detailed botanical description, a note on the plant's range, synonomy, etc., are provided for each. The work's second section is a series of good B/W photographs of those plants covered in the taxonomy. As with the McKelvey work, the photographs are useful as identification or selection guide. Index to the Yuccas species including common and botanical names.

# 3. Wildflowers

Blachly, Lou. 1963. Picture Guide to Southern Arizona Wild Flowers. Tucson, Dale Stuart King. 43 pp.

A handy booklet intended as a field guide to the wild flowers of Southern Arizona, particularly the Phoenix and Tucson areas. Arrangement is by color of petal (e.g., blue, greenish, orange). For each plant in each color category a note is included on its flower, blooming season, height, habitat, etc. Ideal for the novice.

Dodge, Natt. 1958. Flowers of the Southwest Deserts. Globe, Southwestern Monuments Association. 172 pp. (Southwestern Park and Monument Association, 8th rev. ed., 1973. \$1.50.)

Dodge, Natt. 1963. 100 Desert Wildflowers in Natural Color. Globe, Southwestern Monuments Association. n.p.

A popular, concise booklet on desert wildflowers and desert plants which flower. For each plant, a brief description, a note on its range, blooming season, fruits, etc. are given. An excellent closeup color photograph is also provided. Index of popular-to-botanical name of plants. Excellent as a field guide for the sophisticated novice.

Mockel, Henry and Beverly. 1971. Mockel's Desert Flower Notebook. Twenty-Nine Palms, CA: Henry and Beverly Mockel. 316 pp. \$5.95.

An excellent popular field guide to desert wildflowers. Arrangement is by color of petal (e.g., white, yellow, blue, etc.). Two pages are devoted to each plant. One is a photograph, line drawing or colored painting of the plant. The other is a brief description of the plant. Plant is listed under popular name, followed by botanical name and its family. Index of botanical names. Some cacti included.

Munz, Philip A. 1962. California Desert Wildflowers. Berkeley, University of California Press. 122 pp. \$7.50 (\$3.95, pap.)

A popular text intended as a field guide for the sophisticated layman on desert wildflowers and desert plants which flower. Arrangement is by color of petal (e.g., whitish, bluish, yellowish, etc.). For each plant, its botanical name, small B/W line drawing of various parts of the plant and a brief description are provided. A note on its size is also included. Excellent slide-size color photographs of the more common plants are included in a separate section. General index and Index to Color Plates.

Orr, Robert T. and Margaret C. 1974. Wildflowers of Western America. New York, Alfred Knopf. 270 pp. \$17.95 (Box set \$36.00).

An excellent work designed as an identification guide for the layman with little or no knowledge of botany. As with the other guides listed arrangement is by color of petal. Plants are classified into biotic communities, including the desert. Work consists of a separate descriptive text section and a plates section. Excellent color photographs. An easy-to-read 'how-to-use' section. Index of common names. Index of botanical names of plants. Excellent bibliography. Excellent format.

Parsons, Mary Elizabeth. 1966. Wild Flowers of California. New York, Dover Publications. 425 pp. (Peter Smith, \$6.00).

A semi-technical inventory of the wildflowers of California, including those of its desert regions. Arrangement is by color of petal. Plants are listed by common name. For each, its scientific name, family and a brief botanical description (roots, leaves, etc.) and habitat are provided. A textual elaboration follows. For many, a good B/W drawing is provided. A basic understanding of botany is necessary for best use. A reference text best useful in conjunction with another guide (e.g., Munz' California Desert Wildflowers). Glossary of botanical terms. Index of botanical and scientific names of plants.

Rickett, Harold William. Wildflowers of the United States. Volume 3: Texas; Volume 4: Southwestern States. New York, New York Botanical Garden. Vol. 3, 1969, 553 pp. \$52.00; Volume 4, 1970, 801 pp. \$72.00.

The encyclopedic, authoritative work on wildflowers of the United States. Work as a whole is a series of volumes devoted to particular regions. Each volume is comprised of a number of parts which are devoted to several plant families grouped on the basis of similarities for the purpose of aiding the reader in his identification of a plant. As with other works on wildflowers, plants which flower are also included. For each family, species which are native to the region are listed. For each species a brief note on its size, color, blooming season, habitat and similarity to other species are noted. For the majority of plants, an excellent clear color photograph is provided. General index in the last part of each volume.

Wills, Mary M. and Irwin, Howard S. 1961. Roadside Flowers of Texas. Austin, University of Texas Press. 295 pp. \$5.50 (pap.)

A highly authoritative treatment of the wildflowers and flowering plants native to Texas, including those of its desert regions. Work consists of two sections. The first is a series of watercolors of some 250 species of the more common wildflowers of the state. Its second section provides a technical description of the plant, followed by an elaboration of this description. A note on the species' range and related species is also included. While several easy to use 'keys' are provided, a basic understanding of botany is necessary for best use. An excellent glossary of relevant botanical terms, and line drawings of plant parts are an aid to the experienced enthusiast. Index of common and botanical names. Best useful as a reference text.

# 4. Trees and Shrubs

Benson, Lyman and Darrow, Robert A. 1954. Trees and Shrubs of the Southwestern Deserts. Albuquerque, University of New Mexico Press. 437 pp.

A semi-technical manual for the identification of trees and shrubs growing in the deserts of the Southwest. Families of trees and shrubs are grouped according to similarities. An identification 'key' is provided for each family and each species, including an explanation of its use. For each species, a non-technical description is given. A note on the species' range, uses, blooming season, fruit, etc., is also provided. Good B/W photographs or line drawings for many species. Distribution maps for many species as well. General index of plant names.

Berg, Harry J. 1973. How to Know the Western Trees. Dubuque, Wm. C. Brown. 179 pp. Wire coil: \$4.95, Text: \$5.95.

A popular field guide intended as an identification 'key' to the trees of the Western United States, including those native to the desert regions. Species of the Yucca genus and some cacti are included. For each species, its popular name and botanical name and a concise description of its essential features are provided. Good B/W drawings of various parts of a plant. A small, yet clear distributional map is included as well. General index and Picture Glossary. Another work in the Pictured Key Nature Series.

Little, Elbert L. 1968. Southwestern Trees: A Guide to the Native Species of New Mexico. Washington, U. S. Government Printing Office. 109 pp. U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Handbook No. 9.

A non-technical, illustrated guide to the trees of this state written expressly for the layman. Arrangement is by family. For each species its common and botanical name are given, followed by a detailed, yet clear description of the plant (e.g., twigs, leaves, flower, etc.) and its distribution and habitat. For some plants, a B/W line drawing of the plant's leaf, seed, fruit, etc. is provided. Excellent bibliography. Index of common and botanical names of plants. Includes some cacti and other succulents. A companion 'key' to identifying species in the field is also available.

Muirhead, Desmond. 1961. Palms. Globe, Dale Stuart King. 140 pp. \$2.45.

A popular guide to the palms of the United States, native as well as introduced species. For each genus and/or species information on its habitat, distribution, cultivation, history, fruit, etc. is given. For most a good B/W photograph, line drawing or general description is provided. Excellent section on landscaping uses. Some palm-like plants, including some species of the Yucca genus are included. Bibliography.

Peterson, Victor P. 1966. Native Trees of Southern California.

Berkeley, University of California Press. 136 pp. \$8.95 (\$2.95 pap.).

A popular guide to the shrubs of this particular desert region. Plants of various families are grouped based on physical similarity. For each a brief description and a note on its habitat and locale are given. For many, an excellent B/W photograph is provided. Good bibliography. A checklist/index of the shrubs grouped by family and genus.

Vines, Robert A. 1960. Trees, Shrubs and Woody Vines of the Southwest. Austin, University of Texas Press. 1104 pp. \$35.00.

An excellent reference work on the woody plants of the 'Southwest' (Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana). Arrangement is by family. For each plant, its common and botanical names are

given. A highly technical botanical description of the plant follows. A note on the plant's range, uses, related species, etc. is provided for most. Excellent B/W line drawings for most species. Index and botanical names of plants. Cacti and other succulents included.

# II. DESERT FLORA CULTIVATION

# A. General Works

Clark, Thomas R. 1968. Building a Desert Garden. Horticulture 46(7): 38-39, 45.

A brief, yet useful article which gives essential advice on preparing a desert garden in any of the desert regions. Discusses site selection, site building, transplantation, general cultivation, etc. An excellent cover page color photograph of a typical desert garden in the Southwest.

Cornell, Ralph D. 1974. Native Plants for Gardens of the Arid West. Plants and Gardens 18(1): 72-75.

An overview of native species suitable for a Southwestern garden.

Earle, W. Hubert. 1975. Desert Plants. Plants and Gardens 31(3): 65-69.

A selection of a dozen plants for a "miniature desert garden" terrarium. For each plant suggested a good B/W close-up photograph and notes on growth rate and cultivation are provided. A variety of succulents and non-succulents are represented. B/W photographs of sample terrariums are also provided.

Emery, Dara and Broughton, Jacqueline. 1969. Native Plants for Southern California Gardens: Cultural and Environmental Requirements. Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. Leaflet No. 12. 21 pp.

A useful booklet which lists nearly 250 native woody and herbaceous perennials native to California and suited to garden use. Plants are grouped by type of environmental condition. A list of plants which are tolerant of "sun and drought" and "desert heat" are included. Index to common and botanical names of plants.

Emery, Dara. 1964. Seed Propagation of Native California Plants. Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara Garden. Leaflet No. 10. 14 pp.

A concise practical guide to the seed propagation of native California plants. Latter section of the booklet lists recommended seed treatment for scores of plants, many native to the desert. Botanical and common names of plants are given. One of the few works which lists fruits.

- Hoover, Robert and Betty. 1972. Native Plants in Our Garden. San Luis Obispo, Robert and Betty Hoover. 28 pp. \$2.75.
- Moorten, Patricia and Nevins, Rex. 1973. Desert Plants for Desert Gardens. Palm Springs, Moorten Botanical Garden. 2nd edition. 113 pp.

A popular guide and introduction to desert plants and their garden and landscape uses. A good B/W photograph along with a description are provided for each plant. A note on cultivation is also included. Index to common names. Index to botanical names. Desert region conditions.

Rowntree, Lester. 1951. Desert Plants for Your Garden. Flower Grower 38(1): 56-57, 83-84.

A list of suggestions of desert plants for a garden in the desert regions, particularly California. Offers a good selection of the more common non-succulents. For most plants, a brief note on its characteristics, habitat and cultivation is provided. For some plants a good B/W photograph is provided.

- Streets, R. B. 1975. Gardening in the Sun. Tucson, Men's Garden Club of Tucson. 104 pp.
- Sunset Magazine. 1967. Desert Gardening. Menlo Park, Lane Books. 96 pp.

A general popular guide to native plants and non-native desert plants which can be cultivated under desert region conditions. For each plant, a note on its growing zone, garden and landscape uses, cultivation, etc. is provided. Excellent section on landscape plants. Desert Garden Calendar, which notes activities to be carried out throughout the year. Common name/botanical name index to plants.

Valley Garden Club. Practical Gardening in Southern Arizona.

#### B. Cacti

Haselton, Scott E. 1958. Cacti for the Amateur. Pasadena, Abbey Garden Press. 132 pp.

The complete guide to cacti cultivation for the serious amateur. Offers a general introduction to cacti in general (their history, habitat, uses, etc.) and their cultivation (starting a collection, cataloging and labeling of specimens, etc.). The second half of the work is devoted to cultivation (soil, potting, etc.) and prop-

agation (seeds, cuttings, grafting, etc.) and arrangements (miniature gardens, bowl gardens, etc.). Chapter on cultivation and propagation outdoors. Excellent chapter on pest control. Appendix lists helpful hints for the beginning collector. Excellent pract-cal advice by a noted authority and author. General index. Good B/W photographs.

Higgins, Vera. 1971. Cactus Growing for Beginners. London, Blanford Press. 68 pp. (International Publications Service, \$2.50)

A pocket guide to the cultivation and propagation of cacti by a noted and respected authority. Chapters on every aspect of cultivation (soil and potting, sun and ventilation, heating, etc.) and propagation (seed raising, cutting and grafting). Selection of cacti for a collection, which includes many genera native to the Southwest. General index.

Kramer, Jack. 1974. Cacti as Decorative Plants. New York, Charles Scribner's Sons. 115 pp. \$3.95 (pap.)

A popular guide to cacti as houseplants, many of which are native to the Southwest desert regions. Good introduction to various genera. Excellent B/W sketches and photographs. Suggestion of cacti for particular household uses (windows, desk and table plants, floor, etc.). Some Agave and Yucca species included. Appendix includes a "Yearly Guide to Cacti Care", which gives advice on care and cultivation and notes suggestions for the month.

Lamb, Edgar. 1955. How to Make Cacti Flower. New York, Pitman Publishing. 80 pp.

A pocket guide to one hundred of the more common species of cacti which flower, including several native to the Southwest. Concise useful advice and instruction on cultivation and propagation. Good B/W photographs of many, most with flower. Reference Calendar notes the history and growth of the author's collection.

Lamb, Edgar and Brian. 1970. Pocket Encyclopedia of Cacti and Succulents in Color. New York, Macmillan. 217 pp. \$5.95.

A pocket guide to cacti and succulents in color by two noted authorities. Chapters on general cultivation and propagation. Its chapter on species description lists several scores of the more common cacti (and succulents), noting the habitat of each and giving highly specific advice on the cultivation of each. An excellent close-up color photograph is provided for most species in a separate section. Index. Good format and layout.

Marsden, C. 1958. Grow Cacti: A Practical Handbook. New York, St. Martin's Press. 165 pp.

A complete practical guide for the serious amateur or the experienced collector interested in expanding his collection. As with other texts listed, it includes chapters on potting, watering, propagation, diseases, etc. Chapters on the cultivation of cacti in the greenhouse environment. Interesting chapter on "soil-less" culture (pseudo-hydroponic). Latter chapters include a concise classification of the Cactaceae, a list of the common name/botanical name for the more common cacti and an alphabetical index to the distribution of the genera. A mini-dictionary of generic and specific names, and their English equivalent will be useful to those curious about the "meaning" of a plant's name or as an aid to confirming its identity. Useful glossary of botanic terms intended as an aid for the novice in understanding the technical terminology used in the literature. A few good B/W photographs and sketches. Good format and layout. British slant.

Marsden, C. 1975. Mammillaria. London, Cleaver-Hume. 408 pp.

A complete dictionary text on the genus Mammillaria and the cultivation of its species. For each species, a note on its name, habitat, flower, color, etc. is given. In addition, highly detailed advice on cultivation is provided as well. An excellent companion to Craig's Mammillaria Handbook. Good close-up B/W photographs for many species. Index of species.

Martin, Margaret J. 1971. Cacti and Their Cultivation. New York, London, Faber and Faber. 207 pp. Scribner, 1975, \$4.95 (paper).

A popular text on cacti and their cultivation for the serious beginner. Excellent chapters on general cultivation and propagation. Concise taxonomic summary of the cactus family. Selection of cacti native to North America suitable for cultivation. Botanical glossary. Bibliography. Subject index. Index to plants. Excellent format and layout.

Sunset Editorial Staff with Jack Kramer. 1970. Succulents and Cactus. Menlo Park, Lane Books. 80 pp. \$2.45.

A popular introduction and guide to cacti (and succulents) and their cultivation for the novice. Brief concise chapters on cultivation and propagation. Selection of cacti (and succulents) for indoors and for gardens in the desert regions of the Southwest. Good chapters on plant diseases and problems. Excellent B/W photographs and drawings, format and layout. General Index.

Van Ness, Martha. 1971. Cacti and Succulents: Indoors and Outdoors. New York, Van Nostrand Reinhold. 112 pp.

A popular introduction to the cultivation of cacti (and succulents) for the serious novice. A brief chapter offers practical

advise on starting a collection, and includes a list of cacti (and succulents) for the beginner, which includes a few species native to the Southwest. General information on cultivation and propagation. Chapter on indoor garden includes a selection of plants for dish gardens, window gardens, and baskets. Chapter on the outdoor garden lists a number of native cacti (and succulents) suitable for landscape purposes around pools and on terrares. Excellent chapter on plant care and plant diseases. Excellent format, layout, I/W photographs and drawings. List of nurseries. Excellent bibliography. General Index.

# C. Succulents

Brooklyn Botanic Garden. 1963. Handbook on Succulent Plants. New York, Brooklyn Botanic Garden. 68 pp. \$1.75.

A useful guide to the cultivation of succulents, including cacti, written by noted authorities. While the succulents of the Southwest are not covered in great detail, the work as a whole is perhaps the best general and popular guide and introduction to succulents and their cultivation. Appendices include a list of outstanding succulent collections.

Cutak, Ladislaus. 1959. Succulents. St. Louis, Missouri Botanical Garden. pp. 49-76.

A general introduction and overview of the cultivation and propagation of succulent plants. Concise review of plant families which have succulent nembers.

Cutak, Ladislaus. Growing and Enjoying Succulents. Pasadena, Abbey Garden Press. 23 pp.

A practical pamphlet on the general propagation and cultivation of cacti and other succulents. Good practical information on building a desert plant terrarium.

# D. Wildflowers

Hull, Helen S. 1955. Wild Flowers for Your Garden. New York, M. Barrons & Co. 280 pp.

A popular text on wildflowers and plants which flower and their uses in various habitats. Second half of the work is a selection of wildflowers from every state. Southwestern state lists include flowering cacti and other succulents. A "dictionary" of plant propagation notes the range of the genus, growing conditions and offers advice on propagation. Not highly specific, but useful. Bibliography. Index.

Taylor, Kathryn S. and Hamblin, S. F. 1963. Handbook of Wildflower Cultivation. New York, Macmillan. 307 pp. \$7.65.

A popular handbook of wild flowers and their cultivation, mostly the "showy" species of various families and genera. Some Southwestern natives included. Best useful for its concise chapters on the cultivation and propagation of wildflowers in general. Appendix includes a list of plants for sandy soil in field sun. Index of illustrations. General index.

#### E. Trees and Shrubs

Earle, W. Hubert. 1964. Choices for the Southwest. Handbook of Flowering Shrubs. Baltimore, Brooklyn Botanic Garden. pp. 48-50.

A selection of shrubs for cultivation in the Southwest desert region, including many natives. For each plant, a brief note on its outstanding features, habitat, uses and cultivation are included.

Mathias, Mildred E. 1953. Ten Best Trees for Desert Planting, pp. 209-213. In: Proceedings of the National Shade Tree Conference 1953. Wooster, OH: Collier Printing Co. 4 pp.

A selection of a score of trees best suited for cultivation under desert region conditions, including several native species. For each, a brief note on its cultivation and habitat are provided.

Schumacher, Fred. 1934. Use of California Shrubs in Garden Design, pp. 649-674. In: Howard McMinn, An Illustrated Flora of California Shrubs. San Francisco, J. W. Stacey. 25 pp.

A listing of shrubs for various habitats and uses. Includes a list of over 40 of the more common desert shrubs. For each, a word or two on its uses and flower and flower color are noted. General cultivation information included in the preface to the listing.

#### III. LANDSCAPING

Bryant, M. Douglas. n.d. Native Shrubs in Southwest Landscapes. Las Cruces, NM: U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, New Mexico State University, Cooperative Extension Service, Bulletin 400 H-4. 5 pp.

A popular pamphlet listing more than a score of the more common shrubs of the Southwest. A brief description of the plant along with its botanical name, a note on its habitat, flower, fruits, etc. are provided. A note on its landscape use is also included. Excellent bibliography of works useful in identifying New Mexican plants, most of which are annotated in this compilation.

Emery, Dara. 1967. Native Plants for Erosion Control in Southern California. Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Leaflet No. 11. pp. 98-112.

A selection of native California plants, many heat and/or desert 'tolerant', suitable for erosion control. For each plant which is listed alphabetically by genus/species, a brief paragraph noting its common name(s), height/width and landscape use is provided. Landscape Reference Chart, a concise summary of the leaflet's content. Bibliography.

Foermann, Boyce. n.d. Cactus, Agave, Yucca and Ocotillo in Arizona Landscapes. Tucson, Dept. of Agriculture, University of Arizona, Cooperative Extension Service, Bulletin Q-215. 4 pp.

A popular pamphlet on the landscape uses of these common desert plants in the desert region. For each plant, a brief description and a note on its care, irrigation and fertilization are provided. Excellent for its concise advice on transplantation.

Norland, Elisabeth. 1946. Apache Plume. Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. pp. 21-24.

A brief, yet concise profile of one of the more common desert shrubs. Brief notes on its history, description, range, pruning, propagation and cultivation. An excellent choice for landscape use in the Southwest desert region.

Sacamano, Charles and Jones, Warren D. 1975. Native Trees and Shrubs for Landscape Use in the Desert Southwest. Tucson, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, University of Arizona, College of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service. 40 pp.

An excellent introduction and guide to native desert trees and shrubs and their landscape uses. For each plant, its botanical name, a note on its height, spread, hardiness zones, landscape value, maintenance requirements and propagation are provided. A concise description of each plant is also included. Excellent B/W photographs for most plants. Concise chapter on the general cultivation, propagation and care of plants. Useful glossary of landscape terms. Plant name index. "Plant Use Categories," a list of landscape uses and plants best suited for such uses. Table of Contents. Excellent type, format and layout.

Soil Conservation Society, Arizona Chapter. Natural Vegetation Committee. Landscaping with Native Arizona Plants. Tucson, University of Arizona Press. 194 pp. \$4.95.

An excellent popular guide to the use of native plants of this state for landscape purposes. All types of plants represented.

Highly specific recommendations and suggestions for particular regions of the state, including desert areas. Latter section of work notes characteristics of plants, botanical name, height, flower, flowering season, etc. A popular botanical description is also provided. Work is a collection of charts and tables. Excellent B/W photographs. A handy reference guide.

#### IV. PERIODICALS

#### Arizona Highways

Phoenix, Arizona 1925-Monthly

#### Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. Bulletin.

Tucson, Arizona 1957-Irregular

#### Cactus and Succulent Journal

(Publication of the Cactus and Succulent Society of America)
Los Angeles, California
1929Bi-monthly

#### Desert Magazine

Palm Desert, California 1937-Monthly

#### Exotic Collection, Monthly Notes

Worthing, Sussex, England 1960-Irregular

#### Fremontia

(Publication of the California Native Plant Society)
Berkeley, California
1973Quarterly

# Journal of the Mammillaria Society

Banstead, Surrey, England 1960-Bi-monthly

#### Saguaroland Bulletin

(Publication of the Desert Botanical Garden)
Phoenix, Arizona
1947Ten issues a year

### V. ORGANIZATIONS

# A. Gardens and Museums

Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum P. O. Box 5607 Tucson, Arizona 85703

Keasey, Merritt. 1972. A How-To-Do-It Desert Garden. Horticulture 50(9): 42-43.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden 1000 Washington Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11225

Desert Botanical Garden of Arizona (in Papago Park) 6400 E. McDowell Road Box 5415 Phoenix, Arizona 85010

Martin, Virginia F. 1975. Thru the Years at the Desert Botanical Garden. Cactus and Succulent Journal 47(6): 243-248.

Exotic Collection Mr. Edgar Lamb and Mr. Brian Lamb 16, Franklin Road Worthing, Sussex, England BN13 2PQ

Henry E. Huntington Library, Art Gallery and Botanical Gardens 1151 Oxford Road San Marino, California 91108

Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery, San Marino, California. Botanic Gardens. 1971. A Guide to the Desert Plant Collection in the Huntington Botanical Gardens. San Marino, CA. 32 pp.

Missouri Botanical Garden 2345 Tower Grove Avenue St. Louis, Missouri 63110

Moorten Botanic Garden & Cactarium 1702 South Palm Canyon Drive Palm Springs, California 92262

New York Botanical Garden Bronx Park Bronx, New York 10458 New York Botanical Garden. 1964. A Guide to the New York Botanical Garden. New York, New York Botanical Garden. 40 pp.

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden 11500 N. College Avenue Claremont, California 91711

> Lenz, Lee W. 1969. Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden. Norticulture 47(11): 32-33.

Santa Barbara Botanic Garden 1212 Mission Canyon Road Santa Barbara, California 93105

Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. 1944. Guide to the Garden. Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden.

University of Arizona Boyce Thompson Southwestern Arboretum P. O. Box AB Superior, Arizona 85273

> Boyce Thompson Southwestern Arboretum. n.d. Guide to the Boyce Thompson Southwestern Arboretum. Tucson, University of Arizona Press. 14 pp.

University of California, Berkeley Botanical Garden Department of Botany Berkeley, California 94720

> Kimnach, Myron and Hutchison, P. C. 1953. Succulent Collection of the University of California Botanical Garden. Cactus and Succulent Journal 25(4): 95-104.

# B. National Parks and Monuments

Big Bend National Park Panther Junction Brewster County, Texas 79834

Warnock, Barton H. 1969. Wildflowers of the Big Bend Country.
Alpine, TX, Sul Ross State University. 157 pp.

Judge Roy Bean Visitor Center P. O. Box 160 Langtry, Texas 78871

Skiles, Jack R. 1973. A Thorny Tale. Texas Highways, July.

Death Valley National Monument Death Valley, California 92328

> Ferris, Roxanna. 1974. Death Valley Wildflowers. Death Valley, Death Valley Natural History Association. 150 pp.

Joshua Tree National Monument P. O. Box 875 Twenty-Nine Palms, California 92277

Mitchell, Roger. 1974. Exploring Joshua Tree. Glendale, La Siesta Press. (Revised edition). 48 pp.

Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument P. O. Box 38 Ajo, Arizona 85321

> Dodge, Natt. 1964. Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument. Washington, U. S. Dept. of Interior, National Park Service. 91 pp.

Saguaro National Monument P. O. Box 17210 Tucson, Arizona 85731

Shelton, Napier. 1972. Saguaro National Monument, Arizona.
National Park Service. Washington, U. S. Government Printing
Office. 98 pp.

Zion National Park Park Headquarters Springdale, Utah 84767

Trapp, Carolyn. 1964. A Guide to the Cacti of Zion National Park. Salt Lake City, Desert News Press. 21 pp.

# C. Agricultural Cooperative Extension Service

Arizona
University of Arizona
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Tucson, Arizona 85721

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Agricultural Extension Service
University of California at
Los Angeles
Los Angeles, California 94720

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Reno, Nevada 89507

New Mexico New Mexico State University Las Cruces, New Mexico 99001

Texas A & M University
College Station, Texas 77843

Utah University of Utah Salt Lake City, Utah 84112

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Cactus and Succulent Society of America 2631 Fairgreen Avenue Arcadia, California 91006

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New Jersey Cactus and Succulent Society c/o Ms. Miriam Ritzfield 150 Belmont Street Englewood, New Jersey 07631

New York Cactus and Succulent Society c/o Mr. Marvin Grotell, President 10 Yates Lane Jericho, New York 11753 Meets second Sunday each month, except summer, at Smiff Mill, New York Botanical Garden, 2:00 P.M.

Philadelphia Cactus and Succulent Society c/o Dr. Henry Gisser 7708 Revere Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19152

California Cactus Growers Association, Inc. P. 0. Box 653 Fallbrook, California 92028

California Native Plant Society 2490 Channing Way Berkeley, California 94704

Theodore Payne Foundation for Wildflowers and Native Plants, Inc. 10459 Tuxford Street Sun Valley, California 91352

Cutak, Ladislaus. 1976. Cactus Guide. Princeton, D. Van Nostrand Co. 9 pp. (Reprint of 1956 edition).

Chapter VI of this work lists and discusses the activities of a number of societies throughout the U.S.

Stephenson, J. W. 1960. Gardener's Directory. Garden City, Hanover House. 454 pp.

Lists a number of local and state cacti and native desert plant associations. Dated.

#### VI. NURSERIES

Abbey Garden
176 Toro Canyon Road
Carpentia, California 93013
Agave, Echinocereus, Ferocactus, Mammillaria, Opuntia;
Collection: Mammillaria. Catalog: \$1.00

Cactus by Mueller
10411 Rosedale Highway
Bakersfield, California 93308
Ferocactus, Mammillaria, Opuntia; Collections: Mammillaria,
Opuntia, Starter Collection for Beginning Hobbyist. Catalog:
\$.25.

Cactus Gem Nursery 18435 Rea Avenue P. O. Box 327 Aromas, California 95004

Agave, Echinocereus, Ferocactus, Mammillaria, Opuntia; Collections: Several of various sizes of North American cacti.

Clyde Robin
P. O. Box 2855
Castro Valley, California 94546
Seed: Wildflowers, some trees and shrubs. Catalog: \$1.00

Desert Nursery 21595 Box Springs Road Riverside, California 92507 Agave, Mammillaria, Opuntia, Yucca

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Henrietta's Nursery

1345 N. Brawley

Fresno, California 93711

Agave, Mammillaria, Opuntia; <u>Collections</u>: Mammillaria, (puntia, Native Desert, Cactus Starter. Books on cacti and their cultivation. Catalog: \$.35

Kirkpatrick's

27785 De Anza Street

Barstow, California 92311

Echinoceraus, Ferocactus, Mammillaria, Opuntia, Agave; Also seed.

New Mexico Cactus Research

P. O. Box 787

Belen, New Mexico 87002

<u>Seed</u>: Agave, Echinocactus, Echinocereus, Ferocactus, Mammillaria, Opuntia. Also a few trees.

Plant Shed

515 East 72nd Street

New York, New York

Sally's Seedery

Box 165

Portal, Arizona 85632

Seed: Wildflowers and shrubs of the Southwest

Shop-in-the-Sierra

Box 1

Midpines, California 95345

Wildflowers, trees and shrubs. Catalog: Western Native Plants

R. H. Shumway Seedsman

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Rockford, Illinois 61101

Seed: cacti; Catalog: Free

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Seed: Native California wildflowers

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Santa Barbara, California 93105

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Desert Magazine Bookshop 74-425 Highway 111 Palm Desert, California 92260

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