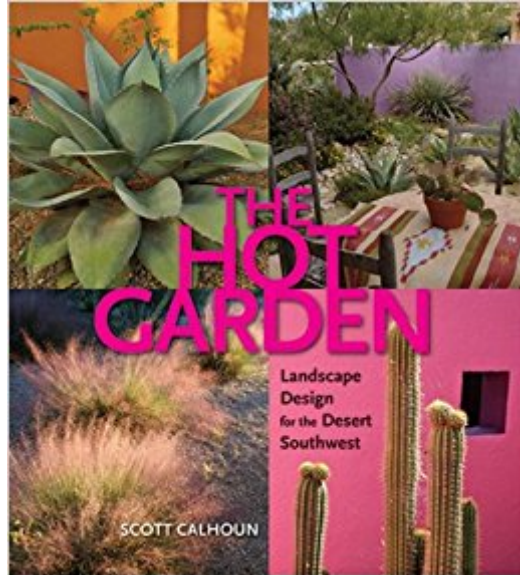


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# Hot Garden: Landscape Design For The Desert Southwest



## Synopsis

Put your desert eyes on, is Scott Calhoun's first advice to gardeners facing arid Southwestern regions with extreme climate conditions. Then he shows how to translate the natural beauty of the region - mountains, canyons, sculptural succulents, and incandescent sky - into gorgeous yet water-thrifty landscape designs that complement existing architecture as well as the environment that surrounds it.

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## Customer Reviews

I live not in the Southwest but on a hot, dry Caribbean island. This book is a great resource for gardening ideas and lists of plants to try, together with lovely pics. I already grow agaves, yuccas etc. but I liked learning about the drought tolerant flowers I can add to complement these such as desert senna, Mexican poppies, gallardia etc. There is also a neat section when discussing any plant with edible parts. I wish there were more landscaping idea pics but the focus of the book is a basic how to for gardening in hot, dry climates, and in that respect it excels.

I have long been a fan of Scott Calhoun's. Indeed, long before I knew whose house it was, I used to drive by Mr. Calhoun's Civano property and take notes on the design. I heartily recommend The Hot Garden to gardeners (or would-be gardeners) who dwell in the desert. My only complaint with this particular title is that in a couple of instances the text refers to non-existent photos. I found this particular aspect annoying since the missing photos were ones I really wanted to see for

clarification. Whether this lapse was due to an editorial oversight or space limitation, it should not have slipped through the final edits (speaking as an author myself). Even so, it is a worthwhile read for those new to desert gardening.

Bought this book to get some ideas how to deal with my Central Florida landscape due to recent droughts over the past few years. We have basically given up on growing grass - so I bought this to get some practical ideas to expand my landscaping and work towards a "xericlandscaping". Although the book has great ideas, pictures, and explanations, I noticed a lot of the suggestions and photos are of professionally maintained parks in the southwest and not necessary real-life homes. The color wheel suggestions are great - but more "practical applications" would have been useful for the average gardener - rather than a museum like park with somewhat overwhelming expectations. Overall - great book, lots of information, and definitely aesthetic photographs.

I own over 45 southwest gardening/landscaping books and this is at the top of my favorites list. The photography is great with lots of beautiful full color photo ideas and very useful information for us desert rats of hot Arizona. Love the book and would highly recommend it for anyone in the desert southwest.

The pictures are fantastic, the ideas are endless and inspire your own ideas. Mr Calhoun has a way of inspiring your creativity, his presentations in his books are phenomenal. This book is full of great ideas and pictures.

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