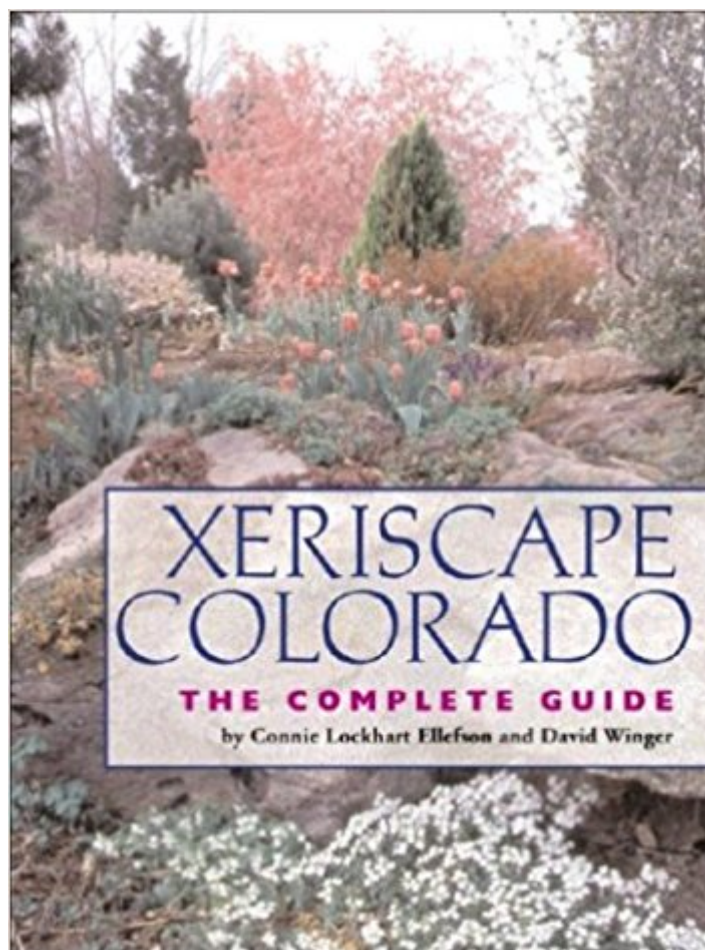


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# Xeriscape Colorado: The Complete Guide



## Synopsis

With lavish full-color photography, wide-ranging advice, and comprehensive charts, water-wise experts showcase the Xeriscape principles that will let you enhance your property with less work and less water. Xeriscape Colorado's remarkable before-and-after illustrations help you visualize solutions to your own home-landscape challenges.

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## Customer Reviews

Having a nice lawn in Colorado is a real challenge, and this book is an amazing help. I am so tired of looking at garden books that feature million-dollar homes with landscaping hopelessly unattainable by people of more modest means. This book inspired us to put in a new back yard that is stunning, dog-friendly and cost us under a thousand dollars. If you're a do-it-yourselfer, you'll find this book to be a valuable tool.

I find this book really hard to use. If you are trying to find out information on specific plants, good luck! The index in the back is terrible as it does not reference the specific plants included in the text. Similarly, although the photos are beautiful, the captions rarely tell you what plants are in the photos. I am very disappointed with this book.

After numerous trips to the library and Barnes & Noble, I have come to the conclusion that Xeriscape Colorado is the definitive resource for responsible landscaping in Colorado. Here in Pueblo West

the windy, dry, clay-packed soil had me returning plants to Home Depot on almost a weekly basis. I have landscaped the east side of the home (a wee bit cooler but also windier than the western exposure) in more traditional plants, trees, and shrubs, however in the back I utilized the theories and suggestions from Xeriscape Colorado and have had great success! As I only water 1X/week, all of my plantings are thriving, and the only loss I sustained is when I blatantly ignored the book and decided to plant a lilac, you can imagine how well that turned out! So getting to the crux of it all, this book has replaced my Western Garden Guide to become my new Gardening Bible.

We've been in drought conditions for years and our dead dry grass yard was not only ugly, it presented a fire hazard from thoughtless motorists throwing out cigarettes. I didn't want to have a yard full of lifeless rocks and this book let me realize that we could have a beautiful yard full of plants. We combined the ideas from this book with information about drought-resistant plants from the book *Dryland Gardening: Plants that Survive and Thrive in Tough Conditions*. We now have the prettiest yard in the neighborhood and we aren't wasting water on grass.

Just got this book for Christmas, and can't wait to get started on my new garden. But I'm really confused - all the before/after photos are "photo-shopped". After so many years of developing this book, I can't fathom why the author chose to include fake after shots. It concerns me a bit that she didn't have any true before/after shots to present. I wouldn't have minded if they were presented as plans - but they are clearly presented as true afters, and they clearly are not. Again, the info contained has been really interesting so far and I'm glad to have this book in my library, but I'll always be a bit perplexed by it.

I really love looking at this book. I'd tried to find good resources on the web but it's hard to consider how a plant will look in your garden when you see the individual pictures. This one ties the landscape together with before and after photos and how to's.

Lots of good information as to different soil qualities and types of plants (even ones that are not cactus!) that you can buy and thrive with in low water environments. Bought this with *High Altitude Western Gardening*.

My wife and I are new to Xeriscaping and thought this book looked like a great way to get started. We were right! This book takes you every step of the way from planning to implementation and

maintenance with great pictures to inspire and motivate. I especially enjoyed reading about the advantages and disadvantages of the various organic and inorganic mulches as well as reading about the various conditions that each plant thrives in. I'm eagerly waiting the results of my soil samples so I can start putting this book into practice!

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