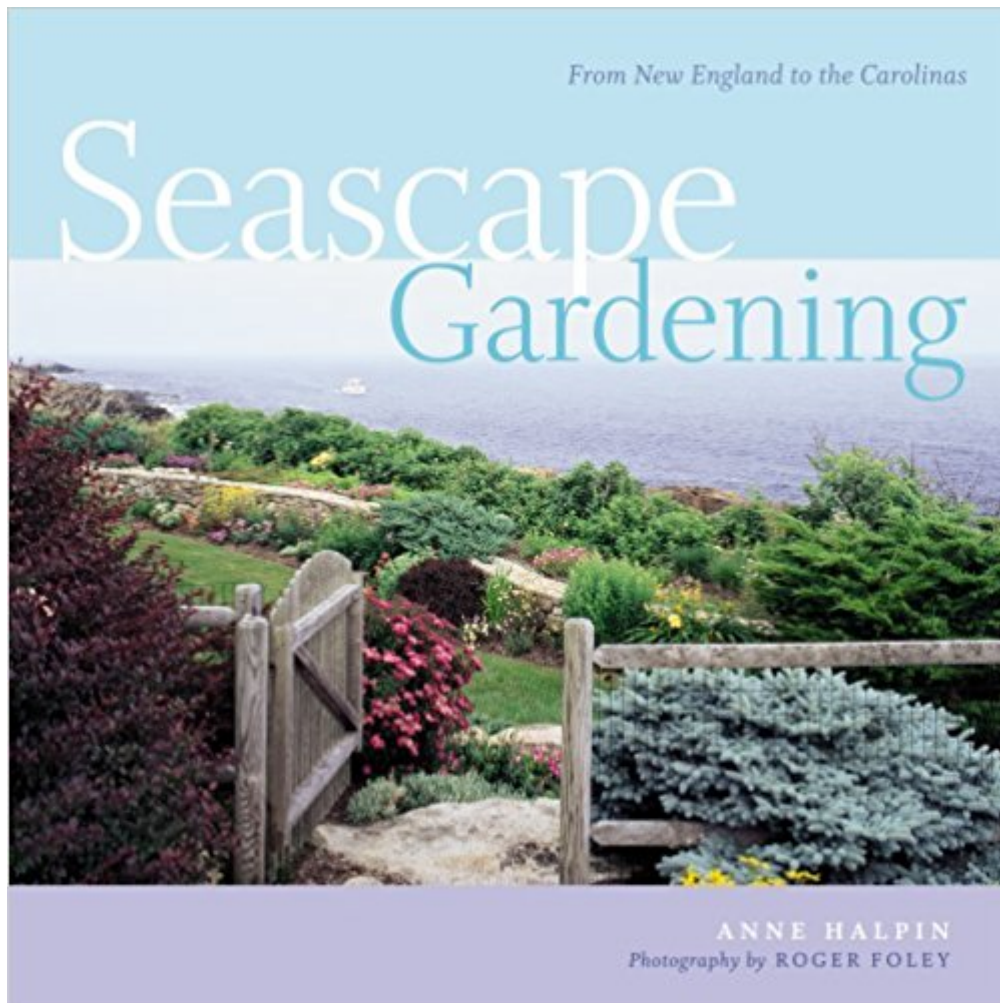


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# Seascape Gardening: From New England To The Carolinas



## Synopsis

Gardening by the sea is unlike any other gardening experience in the world. The gentle, misty light, moderate climate, and natural beauty of the coast only make seaside gardens more beautiful. Add to that the pleasant memories of summers spent by the sea as a child, and the allure is irresistible for most any gardener or ocean-lover. But aside from the scenic landscape and romantic setting are serious challenges to be overcome. The east coast is known for its extreme weather—storms blow in during the winter with gale-force winds, spraying sand and salt on every plant in their path. Even during the summer, high winds, fierce sun, and periods of drought challenge the toughest plants. Seaside gardens must be able to tolerate the elements and still look good. Author Anne Halpin is a renowned garden designer and writer who lives on Long Island Sound. She navigates the rocky shores and sandy dunes of the East Coast from New England to South Carolina, showing readers how to plant and care for seaside gardens that work with the elements, not against them. Keeping in mind those who only dream of living by the sea, Halpin also offers portraits of successful seaside gardens up and down the coast, with stunning images from award-winning photographer Roger Foley.

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## Customer Reviews

I don't live by the sea and have never gardened there but I received this book as a galley and I enjoyed it very much. Seaside gardeners have a lot of challenges including salt spray from the ocean, harsh sunlight, erosion and extreme sandy soil that lacks nutrients. The author writes about

the different geographical environments along the Atlantic seacoast (from Maine to South Carolina) and then explains how a garden can be created in these conditions. Creating a sheltered space is essential and good information details how to find the best site, choosing a garden style, working with color schemes, improving the soil, using containers and how to use structures and hardscapes. Line drawings as well as photos nicely illustrate the text. The middle section of the book profiles 11 different gardens in various locations along the eastern coast. These gardens are beautifully photographed and the owners describe the challenges and rewards of their gardens. The last section of the book profiles the best plants to use and include trees, shrubs, perennials, ornamental grasses, vines and ground covers. A chart for each plant gives details as to zone, exposure, salt tolerance, drought tolerance and deer resistance. A detailed description of the plant and recommended cultivars are provided as well.

I live in the midwest, but I found this book highly interesting all the same. The photos are beautiful and the advice is practical. The author recommends plants for the seaside, but goes a step further to let readers know whether they are deer resistant and if they can prove invasive, both valid pieces of advice. I was pleasantly surprised to see how many of the book's suggestions are as useful in the midwest as on the coast, like the importance of building up poor soil and how to construct windbreaks from plants or manmade structures. It was also surprising to see how many plants do as well on the coast as they do here, including favorites of mine like new england asters and butterfly weed. The advice on disease and pest controls fits just about anywhere. The book also highlights several very beautiful gardens. They would require a lot of cash to both create and maintain, so they're out of reach for most readers, but it would be possible to recreate sections of them on a more modest budget. Overall I found the book worthwhile and a good addition to my library.

We bought a second home at the beach and we were looking for gardening help for our beach place. This was a very good book and it was delivered early in good shape. thanks

This book is well organized. It has good pictures. It is the only book I have come across that takes wind condition into account.

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