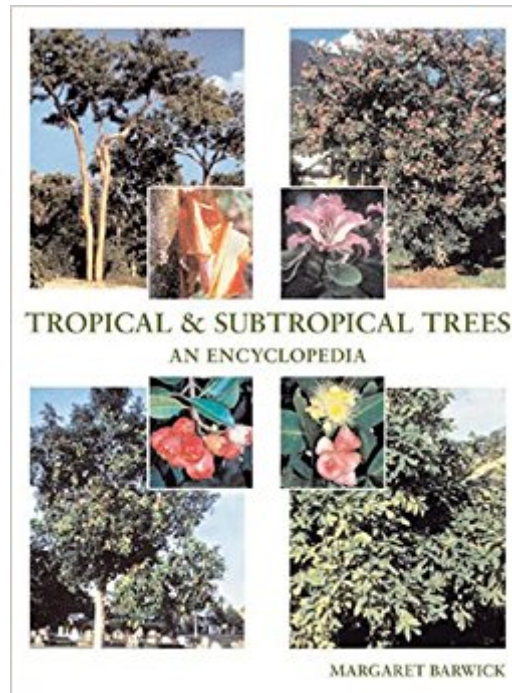


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# Tropical And Subtropical Trees: An Encyclopedia



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This exhaustive, lavishly illustrated A-Z encyclopedia describes tropical and subtropical trees by their specific attributes and profiles, such as color, shape, texture, flowers, foliage, or fruit. It also includes a collection of useful quick-reference checklists that help gardeners, designers, and planners to choose appropriate species for specific uses and conditions. Useful summary boxes for every species cover details such as growth habits, light and shade requirements, tolerances, soil types, details of propagation, and problems that may occur. The result is an irresistible mix of images, descriptive captions, and informed reference texts. It is both a superb introduction for the beginner and an authoritative companion for the enthusiast and professional, providing greater knowledge and understanding of the key elements of tree classification, anatomy and use from around the world. This is destined to become the essential reference work for all gardeners, designers, planners, arboriculturists and horticulturists with an interest and passion for the tropical and subtropical.

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It is not easy to say something sensible about this book. It is just too overwhelming. As can be expected these days of the Timber Press this is a lavishly illustrated, gorgeously printed and handsomely bound volume. Lay-out is immaculate. All pictures (full color) are of a beautiful quality, or better. An immense amount of information is given for each species (usually one page is devoted to each species). In view of the wealth of information provided, there is a huge potential for error,

but the book appears to be remarkably error-free. A curious error is that of using "cv." before a cultivar epithet. The one error-prone category here is that of the author abbreviations in the botanical names: these do not consistently follow the recommended standard and, from time to time, are in something of a mess. Obviously, this is unlikely to trouble those who belong to the book's target audience. The other thing that can be questioned is its aim to cram so many trees into one book. However, for someone wanting a handy (if big) one-volume work on (sub)tropical trees this cannot be recommended enough. It will also make a lovely gift to just about anybody.

I have bought several copies for my book store customers here in Panama, and all are delighted with this book. Though a bit cumbersome, it is certainly thorough, and a valuable research tool for anyone interested in the flora of the tropics. It's beautifully illustrated, a book to display as well as study, typical of Timber Press' fine volumes.

Certainly seems authoritative. Lots of information. A nice reference. Plenty of photos. - but:- it does not include Palmae.- the three-page identification section is mostly a list of questions but usually no indication of what to do with the answers.

Awesome reference to tropical trees. Lots of unusual trees I had never heard of.

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