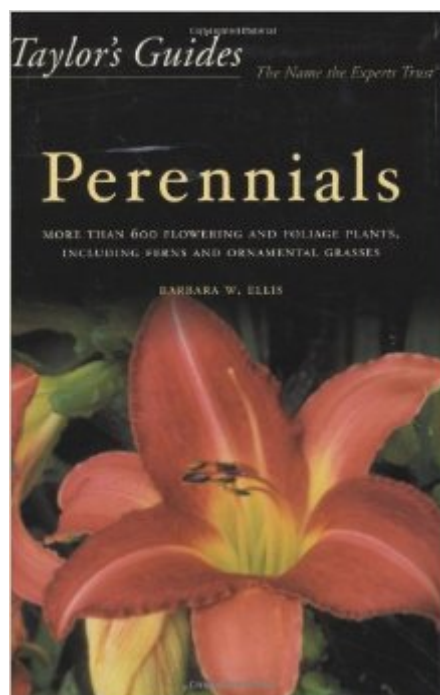


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# Taylor's Guide To Perennials: More Than 600 Flowering And Foliage Plants, Including Ferns And Ornamental Grasses - Flexible Binding (Taylor's Guides)



## Synopsis

Perennials are every gardener's favorite plants. They provide colorful flowers and leafy foliage, and, best of all, their beauty returns year after year. In this fully illustrated guide, you'll find- The best new cultivars of the beloved old-fashioned plants of grandmother's garden- Exciting new introductions from all over the world- Today's popular ornamental grasses, perfect for combining with other perennials in low-maintenance gardens- Ferns to grow among the flowers And for every plant pictured, you'll find complete growing information as well as notes on how to propagate your own plants to fill your garden with "free" flowers.

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## Customer Reviews

This is an excellent, encyclopedic reference guide, whether you are trying to identify existing plantings or add perennials to your garden. There is a section with lots of background gardening information; soil preparation, feeding, watering and etc. The really useful part is the plant guide. There is a long section with color photographs of hundreds of flowering perennials. This is followed by a comprehensive descriptive guide to the plants, arranged alphabetically by Latin family name. A general description is followed by specific growing tips and varietal descriptions. All the photographs and descriptions are cross-referenced by page number so it is easy to go from a picture to a description or vice-versa. A comprehensive index further adds to the book's ease of use. If you are dreaming of, or caring for, a perennial garden, this book is indispensable. As it points

out, there are tens of thousands of perennials, most of which are not specifically addressed, but basic traits and cultivation methods are shared by thousands of varieties within each genus. This book will guide you to a successful planting plan for your climate.

A good book for the casual or beginning gardener. It covers most of the more common garden perennials in North America, and is well-illustrated with at least one color photo for each genus. Even the experienced gardener will find it valuable for basic information about a broad range of genera. Treatment of species and cultivars is rather cursory, although many of the commonest or most widely available ones are covered. The small size of the book makes it easy to refer to and carry around. The only drawback is that the color photos are all in the front of the book, so you have to keep flipping between the photos and text to match up the plant descriptions with their pictures.

I wanted to learn more about perennials so I purchased this book. It has good information about a variety of perennials so I found it helpful. It has pictures of most of the flowers and it provides information on which zones to plant them in and how to care for them. I've planted several perennials in my garden but I wasn't sure how to care for them.

Ran across this while browsing in our local bookstore. Not a technical book, but who cares when you're having fun. The photos are fabulous, about 400 of them; not drawings, but photos. Some wildflowers too: bloodroot, cardinal flower, trillium, wild columbine, etc. I found I had about 50 of the 400 shown, and the pictures convinced me I wanted more. It didn't bother me a bit that the photos were grouped together. In fact, in identifying my own plants, it helped. I haven't bothered much so far with the book's text portion. And I discovered through the book that it "ain't just annuals" that give color and texture to a garden.

I choose this rating because I feel it covered quite a line up of perennials that I thought was desirable. The photos are exceptional and helps to choose which ones would be best to put on your want list when you go shopping, makes it convenient and less confusing with all the choices you have.

This book was exactly what I needed. Never seem to know the name of the flower, and the beautiful photos are invaluable. Very helpful to know what plants work in this time zone, and there are many helpful tips for planting and feeding. A permanent reference in my home.

Just getting into gardening and really like the quality of the item I got and the quickness it got to me.

My wife spotted this book at The Rock Pile in Avon Lake, O., our gardening shop, but it was for reference, not for sale. She mentioned in July it would make a nice Christmas present, and that SUBTLE HINT didn't escape me!! She loves it as a compendium of gardening greenery, and that's good enough for me#

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