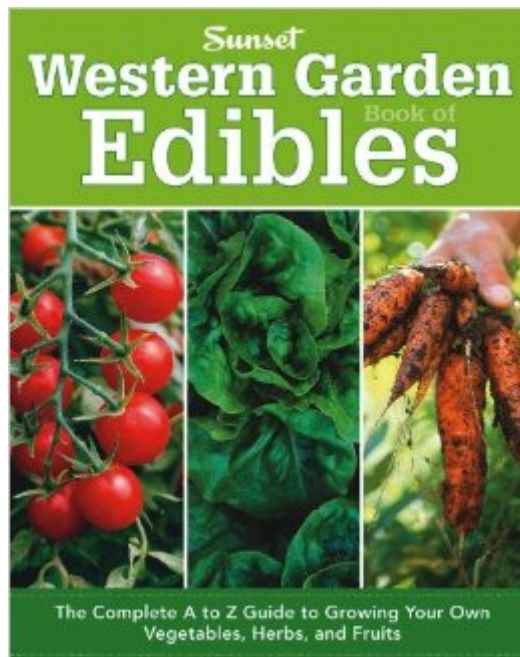


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# Western Garden Book Of Edibles: The Complete A-Z Guide To Growing Your Own Vegetables, Herbs, And Fruits



## Synopsis

Complete instructions for growing over 190 vegetables, herbs, berries, fruits, nuts, and tropical fruits in the ground and in containers. Plans and design ideas for kitchen gardens of all sizes, as well as easy-to-follow guidelines for composting, building raised beds, and more. Growing season details for all regions of the West, including Alaska and Hawaii. Timely tips from edibles experts around the West-British Columbia to New Mexico. More than 300 pages of color photographs, practical advice, and inspiration from the editors of Sunset magazine, the West's authority on gardening.

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## Customer Reviews

Sunset's Western Garden Book has such positive reviews, I assumed that their new book focusing on edible plants would be a good purchase. I wish I had flipped through this book in a store before I went ahead and ordered it. I am a novice gardener, about to start my first vegetable garden, and this book does not have enough useful information in it to help get me started. The information would be too general for an expert gardener as well. It is chock full of photographs, and while the photos of garden design provide some inspiration, most of them are mediocre and add nothing to the book. Most of the photographs filling the book are close-ups of ordinary fruits and vegetables and are neither inspirational nor informative. I was also disappointed with the amount of space devoted to fruits, nuts, berries, and tropicals, since I am interested primarily in growing vegetables. This book feels a bit like an issue of Sunset magazine - with lots of photographs and a little specific information - which is fine for a throwaway magazine but it's not something I want to sit on my

bookshelf for years. I highly recommend Pam Peirce's Golden Gate Gardening instead, if you live in the Bay Area or California coast.

The Original Western Garden Book is an impressive product, especially useful for determining plant species, varieties or cultivars that will do well in defined climate zones of the west. I was hoping that this book would do the same, but in greater detail, for the fruit and vegetable gardener. Fruit trees and vines are reasonably well-covered, but the section on the vegetable garden did not list named varieties with areas in which they would be successful. Sadly, I bought the book based on the assumption that it would. I feel the book fails to live up to what it should have been.

I am a novice gardener and found this book fantastic! It gives good photos and descriptions for each individual plant as well as planting, care instructions, and harvest instructions. This was exactly what I needed to give me the basics of each plant and what to look for when I buy seeds to get the exact plant I want. I initially checked it out of the library but am now buying my own copy! I agree with the previous reviews that the garden planning section could be a bit more inspiring!

Sunset has again produce a great book for Western gardeners. This book covers all the vegetables, fruits, nuts, herbs and tropical fruits/veggies that anyone in the West wants to grow. Even if you can't grow some of the stuff, it's an interesting read on how papaya, bannas and jicama grow even though I can't grow them in Idaho. Each item gets at least a page with color picture giving you all the info you need to grow successfully. Also has design plans and instructions for building raised beds, composters, etc. The layout and print on the page is easy to read and organized well. All round great book to add to a gardeners library.

I absolutely love this book!!!! I am an avid gardener and this was like someone placed a wealth of knowledge before me and said, "Feast." Which is exactly what I have been doing. I have been pouring over this book since it arrived. This is a must have for anyone who wants a beautiful productive garden.

This book has been so helpful in starting my garden. It gave me excellent details and all of my vegetables I was growing from seed have sprouted right away and are already being planted without issue. It has some great details and I think it goes a bit more in depth on some of the plants compared to the Sunset's 2014 Western Garden Book. I bought both at the same time and they're

both useful. It shows beautiful pictures of the plants, tells you the difference between the specific versions of the plants and when they ripen. It tells you what to do from seed to harvest. How much sunlight, water, and the type of soil. In the front it goes over the climate zones like Sunset's Western Garden book. In the back it also has some good tips. I originally saw it in the store but came home and had it cheaper. I am VERY happy with this purchase and it arrived quickly and undamaged. Between the two books I do not think I will need any other books to keep my garden growing strong and have a great harvest at the end of summer.

This book is so informative! There are hundreds of species of fruits, vegetables and herbs; with detailed information about planting and growing, harvesting, insect predators and other environmental challenges. For a new gardener, this is the perfect resource! The book was delivered very quickly and in great condition. I would definitely recommend it, this purchase experience was very positive.

This is a great book. I have lots of gardening books. Shelves full. But if you want to build a SoCal food forest and you want something to read on the train or in a doctor's office, this is the book. I still own the Sunset Western Garden Book and I go to that when I want more detail or non-edible info. I do suggest buying either of these books for your friends that are just getting into gardening, or give them your copy and buy a new one. I have been using the Western Garden Book since the late 60's or early 70's. I update to the new one each time. This is necessary as there are so many new varieties of plants and edibles designed for low water and low chill required by SoCal gardeners. I have multiple books on permaculture and I keep hoping for one that is complete for the SoCal climate. At this point I still like Mollison's original texts, any one will do. I have found very little new in the recent offerings. I find on line bloggers and chats more useful, but still feel permaculture is a fledgling field, so I just use this book and collect my notes, trial and error style like everyone else.

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