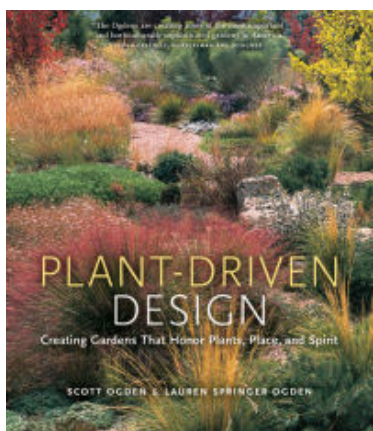


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MERRY CHRISTMAS
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR
to all our readers



RE-DESIGN your garden



SUSTAINABLE GARDENS

Meadows by design: creating a natural alternative to the traditional lawn by John Greenlee
“...a compelling case for abandoning the traditional lawn in favour of a visually stunning and ecologically friendly meadow garden.”

Natural garden style: gardening inspired by nature by Noel Kingsbury
“...the essential guide for anyone wishing to take an ethical and sustainable approach to gardening and garden design.”

Plant-driven design: creating gardens that honor plants, place and spirit by Scott Ogden & Lauren Springer Ogden
“As horticulture and issues of ecology come together, it's clear Scott and Lauren 'get it'. Garden design is really about the plants.”

Natural gardening in small spaces by Noel Kingsbury
“...even in a small garden you can create a sustainable ecosystem that looks great - and, once established, largely looks after itself.”

Garden masterclass by John Brookes
“Garden design is my concern, but its continuing relationship with nature is my desire.”

Ask the library about book lists on sustainable gardening and planting trends, or search the catalogue:

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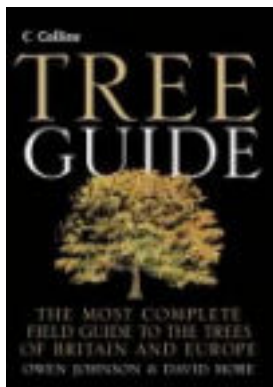
In the quest for sustainability, today's gardeners are urged to draw inspiration from wild ecosystems. However, making the most of garden micro climates is not a new concept: in the new edition of *The Wild Garden* (first published in 1870) Rick Darke shows how well William Robinson's classic title sits with current trends. Much recent work in this idiom has been concerned with landscaping and public spaces, but distilling the principles for interpretation on a smaller scale is the subject of the following books:

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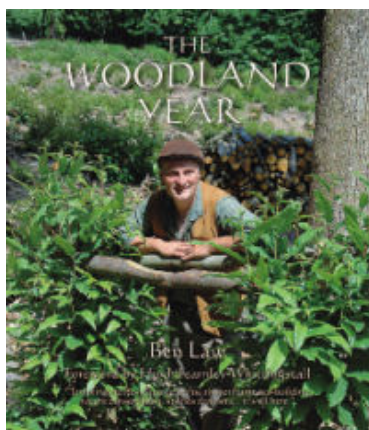
WALKING in a winter woodland

How many of us know what we're looking at when it comes to a winter woodland walk? Deciduous trees easily recognised in leaf become self contained strangers in the dormant season, but with careful observation, clues to identity can be spotted. The following books may assist you: **A guide to the identification of deciduous broad-leaved trees and shrubs in winter** by

Andrew May and Jonathan Panter aims to demystify identification with simple and accurate keys. It is a title from the AIDGAP series which tackles groups of animals and plants that can be difficult for beginners to identify. The **Collins tree guide** by **Owen Johnson**, "The most complete field guide to the trees of Britain and Europe", is packed with clear illustrations to help you.



The recent report, Combating climate change - a role for UK forests†, commissioned by the Forestry Commission, reflects current interest in our woodlands as a sustainable resource. Traditional skills and management practices, once good for people and wildlife, are being rediscovered and evaluated. As well as books covering this subject, the library also subscribes to a number of journals: recent articles in the Quarterly Journal of Forestry include Growing Alder for Woodfuel, and Horse Logging, while the Arboricultural Journal covers subjects such as the history of trees in our landscape, their uses in the built environment, and tree physiology. These titles are taken by London and Wisley: see our web pages for complete lists of journals held by each library. Everyone is welcome to consult our journals by appointment.



The woodland year by Ben Law: see our catalogue for availability

†The Synthesis Report can be downloaded free from the TSO Online Bookshop www.tsoshop.co.uk/bookstore.asp or ordered from the Forestry Commission website.

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