

RHS Qualifications

Level 3 Reading List

For Level 3 theory-based units in:

- RHS Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Plant Growth, Health and Applied Propagation
- RHS Level 3 Certificate in the Principles of Garden Planning, Construction and Planting
- RHS Level 3 Diploma in the Principles and Practices of Horticulture

Further Guidance can be obtained from RHS Qualifications

Email: qualifications@rhs.org.uk

Phone: 01483 226500

Post: RHS Qualifications, RHS Garden Wisley, Woking, Surrey GU23 6QB

Contents:

	Page
Plant Taxonomy, Structure and Function	3
The Root Environment, Plant Nutrition and Growing Systems	4
The Management of Plant Health	5
Understanding Applied Plant Propagation	6
Understanding Garden Survey Techniques and Design Principles	8
Understanding the Selection and Use of Landscaping Elements in the Garden	10
Understanding the Setting Out and Construction of Landscaping Elements in the Garden	12
Understanding a Range of Specialist Elements in the Establishment of Garden and Urban Plantings	14

Plant Taxonomy, Structure and Function

C. R. Adams, K. M. Bamford, M. P. Early.
Principles of Horticulture
Fifth Edition (2008). Butterworth- Heinemann Ltd
ISBN: 9780750686945.

G. Acquaah
Horticulture: Principles and Practices.
(1998) Pearson US Import PHIPES
ISBN: 9780135182758.

David Ingram, Daphne Vince-Prue, Peter J. Gregory
Science and the Garden: The Scientific Basis of Horticultural Practice
(2008) Wiley-Blackwell (an imprint of John Wiley & sons Ltd)
ISBN: 9781405160636.

B. Capon.
Botany for Gardeners
Third Edition (2010) Timber Press
ISBN: 9781604690958.

C. J. Clegg.
Green Plants: The Inside Story – Illustrated Advanced Biology S.
2003 Hodder Murray
ISBN: 9780719575532.

K. R. Stern, J. E. Bidlach, S. H. Jansky.
Sterns Introductory Plant Biology
(2010) McGraw Hill Higher Education
ISBN: 9780071222129.

William Stern
Plant Names Explained: Botanical Terms and their Meaning
(2005) David and Charles
ISBN: 9780715321881.

Paula Rudall
Anatomy of Flowering Plants: An introduction to Structure & Development
(2007) Cambridge University Press
ISBN 9780521692458.

Dennis Stevenson, Ted Botha, David Cutler
Plant Anatomy: An Applied Approach
(2008) Wiley-Blackwell (an imprint of John Wiley & Sons Ltd)
ISBN: 9781405126793.

Adrian. D. Bell
Plant Form: An Illustrated Guide to Flowering Plant Morphology
(2008) Timber Press
ISBN: 9780881928501.

James. D. Mauseth
Botany: An Introduction to Plant Biology
(2008) Jones and Bartlett Publishers, inc
ISBN: 9780763753450.

M. G. Simpson
Plant Systematics
(2005) Academic Press, inc
ISBN:9780126444605.

Bob Watson
Plants, Their Use, Management, Cultivation & Biology – A Comprehensive Guide
(2009) The Crowood Press Ltd
ISBN: 9781847970282.

Kenneth A Beckett
Growing Under Glass – Royal Horticultural Society's Encyclopaedia of Practical Gardening S.
(1999) Mitchell Beazley
ISBN: 9781840001549.

Chris Beytes
Ball Redbook: Greenhouses & Equipment V1
(2003) Ball Publishing
ISBN: 9781883052348.

Christopher Brickell
RHS A-Z Encyclopaedia of Garden Plants
(2008) Dorling Kindersley Publishers
ISBN: 9781405332965.

Graham Rice
RHS Encyclopaedia of Perennials
(2011) Dorling Kindersley Publishers Ltd
ISBN: 9781405334310.

The Root Environment, Plant Nutrition and Growing Systems

C. R. Adams, K. M. Bamford, M. P. Early.
Principles of Horticulture
Fifth Edition (2008). Butterworth- Heinemann Ltd
ISBN: 9780750686945.

G. Acquaah
Horticulture: Principles and Practices.
(1998) Pearson US Import PHIPES
ISBN: 9780135182758.

David Ingram, Daphne Vince-Prue, Peter J. Gregory
Science and the Garden: The Scientific Basis of Horticultural Practice
(2008) Wiley-Blackwell (an imprint of John Wiley & sons Ltd)
ISBN: 9781405160636.

M. R. Asham, G. Puri
Essential Soil Science: A Clear and Concise Introduction to Soil Science
(2002) Wiley-Blackwell (an imprint of John Wiley & Sons Ltd)
ISBN: 9780632048854.

Nyle. C. Brady
The Nature and Properties of Soils
(1989) MacMillian USA
ISBN: 9780023133619.

E. J. Russell
A Student's Book on Soils and Manures
(2010) Biblio Bazaar LLC
ISBN: 9781144048011.

M.J. Singer, D. N Munns
Soils: An Introduction
(1998) Pearson US Imports & PHIPES
ISBN: 9780136792420.

James. D. Mauseth
Botany: An Introduction to Plant Biology
(2008) Jones and Bartlett Publishers, inc
ISBN: 9780763753450.

Michael Littlewood
The Organic Gardeners Handbook
(2007) The Crowood Press Ltd
ISBN: 9781861269362.

K. R. Stern
Introductory Plant Biology
(2003) McGraw-Hill Education (ISE Editions)
ISBN: 9780071218733.

Christopher Brickell
RHS A-Z Encyclopaedia of Garden Plants
(2008) Dorling Kindersley Publishers
ISBN: 9781405332965.

Graham Rice
RHS Encyclopaedia of Perennials
(2011) Dorling Kindersley Publishers Ltd
ISBN: 9781405334310.

The Management of Plant Health

C. R. Adams, K. M. Bamford, M. P. Early.
Principles of Horticulture
Fifth Edition (2008). Butterworth- Heinemann Ltd
ISBN: 9780750686945.

G. Acquaah
Horticulture: Principles and Practices.
(1998) Pearson US Import PHIPES
ISBN: 9780135182758.

David Ingram, Daphne Vince-Prue, Peter J. Gregory
Science and the Garden: The Scientific Basis of Horticultural Practice
(2008) Wiley-Blackwell (an imprint of John Wiley & sons Ltd)
ISBN: 9781405160636.

S. Buczacki, K. Harris
Pests and Diseases and Disorders of Garden Plants.
(2005) Harper-Collins eBook
ISBN: 9780007387168.

Andrew Halstead, Audrey Brooks, RHS
Garden Pests and Diseases – Royal Horticultural Society Encyclopaedia of Practical Gardening S.
(1999) Mitchell Beazley
ISBN: 9781840001556.

A Halstead & P Greenwood
The Royal Horticulture Society Pests and Diseases
(2009) Dorling Kindersley Publishers
ISBN: 9781405341776.

Scott Fox
Gardner's Book of Pests and Diseases
(2001) Batford Ltd
ISBN: 9780713486193.

Peter Gladders, Seven T Koike, Albert O Paulus
Vegetable Diseases – Colour Handbook
(2006) Manson Publishing Ltd
ISBN: 9781840760750.

Christopher Brickell
RHS A-Z Encyclopaedia of Garden Plants
(2008) Dorling Kindersley Publishers
ISBN: 9781405332965.

Graham Rice
RHS Encyclopaedia of Perennials
(2011) Dorling Kindersley Publishers Ltd
ISBN: 9781405334310.

Understanding Applied Plant propagation

C. R. Adams, K. M. Bamford, M. P. Early.
Principles of Horticulture
Fifth Edition (2008). Butterworth- Heinemann Ltd
ISBN: 9780750686945.

G. Acquaah
Horticulture: Principles and Practices.
(1998) Pearson US Import PHIPES
ISBN: 9780135182758.

David Ingram, Daphne Vince-Prue, Peter J. Gregory
Science and the Garden: The Scientific Basis of Horticultural Practice
(2008) Wiley-Blackwell (an imprint of John Wiley & sons Ltd)
ISBN: 9781405160636.

J. Cushnie
How to Propagate: Techniques and Tips for over 1000 Plants.
(2009) Kyle Cathie
ISBN: 9781856268882.

Alan R Toogood
RHS, Propagating Plants
(2006) Dorling Kindersly Publishers Ltd
ISBN: 9781405315258.

RHS
RHS The New Encyclopaedia of Gardening Techniques: The Essential Practical Guide
(2008) Mitchell Beazley
ISBN: 9781845334086.

Bruce MacDonald
Practical Woody Plant Propagation for Nursery Growers
(1987) Timber Press
ISBN: 9780881920628.

Hudson T Hartmann, Dale E Kester, Fred T Davies, Robert Geneve
Hartmann and Kesters Plant Propagation: Principles & Practices
(2001) Prentice Hall
ISBN: 9780136792352.

Mary Pratt
Practical Science for Gardeners
(2005) Timber Press
ISBN: 0881927184.

John Mason
Nursery Management
(2004) Landlinks Publishing
ISBN: 9780643090248.

Kenneth A Beckett
Growing Under Glass – Royal Horticultural Society's Encyclopaedia of Practical Gardening S.
(1999) Mitchell Beazley
ISBN: 9781840001549.

Chris Beytes
Ball Redbook: Greenhouses & Equipment V1
(2003) Ball Publishing
ISBN: 9781883052348.

Christopher Brickell
RHS A-Z Encyclopaedia of Garden Plants
(2008) Dorling Kindersley Publishers
ISBN: 9781405332965.

Allan M. Armitage
Ornamental Bedding Plants – Crop Production Science in Horticulture Series No. 4
(1994) CABI Publishing
ISBN: 9780851989013

RHS
Royal Horticultural Society Propagation Techniques: Simple Techniques for 1000
Garden Plants – Royal Horticultural Society New Garden Library.
(2011) Mitchell Beazley
ISBN: 9781845335656.

Understanding Garden Survey Techniques and Design Principles

Jane Anderson, David Shiers
The Green Guide to Specification
(2002) Blackwell Science Ltd
ISBN: 9780632059614.

James Blake
An Introduction into Landscape Design & Construction
(1999) Gower Publishing Ltd
ISBN: 9780566077753.

Anna Kruger, John Brookes
Garden Design: The Complete Practical Guide to Planning, Styling and Planting any
Garden
(2001) Dorling Kindersley Publishers
ISBN: 9780751309812.

Penelope Hobhouse
Story of Gardening
(2002) Dorling Kindersley Publishers
ISBN: 9780751333909.

Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe, Susan Jellicoe
The Landscape of Man: Shaping the Environment from Prehistory to the Present Day
(1995) Thames & Hudson Ltd
ISBN: 9780500278192.

Christopher Thacker
The History of Gardens
(1985) University of California Press
ISBN: 9780520056299.

Christopher Bradley-Hole
The Minimalist Garden
(1999) Mitchell Beazley
ISBN: 9781840001426.

Jane Brown
The Modern Garden
(2001) Thames and Hudson Ltd
ISBN: 9780500283219.

Janet Waymark
Modern Garden Design: Innovation since 1900
(2005) Thames & Hudson Ltd
ISBN: 9780500284216.

James Parry
Rooted in History – A Garden Conservation Manual
(1999) National Trust
ISBN: 9780707802992.

Michael Symes
A Glossary of Garden History – Shire Garden History 6
(2006) Shire Publications Ltd
ISBN: 9780747806462.

Hazel Conway
Public Parks – Shire Garden History Series No.9
(1996) Shire Publications Ltd
ISBN: 9780747803324

Richard S. Taylor, Andrew Eburne
How to Read an English Garden
(2006) Ebury Press
ISBN: 9780091909000.

Tom Turner
Garden Design: Philosophy and Design 2000BC – 2000AD
(2005) Taylor & Francis Ltd
ISBN: 9780415317498.

David Lambert, Peter Goodchild, Judith Roberts
Parks and Gardens: A Researcher's Guide to Sources for Designed Landscapes
(2006) Landscape Design Trust
ISBN: 9780951837788.

David Stevens
The Garden Design Sourcebook: The Essential Guide to Garden Materials and Structures
(1998) Conran Octopus Ltd
ISBN: 9781850299684.

Terence Conran, Dan Pearson
The Essential Garden Book: The Comprehensive Source Book of Garden Design
(2001) Conran Octopus Ltd
ISBN: 9781840911817.

Sylvia Crowe
Garden Design
(2001) Garden Art Press
ISBN: 9781870673402.

Derek Lovejoy & Partners
Spon's Landscape Handbook
(1997) Spon Press
ISBN: 9780419204909.

Elisabeth Beazley, A. Pinder
Design and Detail of Space between Buildings
(1990) Spon Press
ISBN: 9780419136200.

Robin Williams, Ken O'Brien, RHS.
Garden Planning – Royal Horticultural Society's Encyclopaedia of Practical Gardening
S.
(1999) Mitchell Beazley
ISBN: 9780751348613.

Understanding the Selection and Use of Landscaping Elements in the Garden

Davis Langdon
Spon's External Works & Landscape Price Book 2011
(2010) Taylor & Francis Ltd
ISBN: 9780415588492.

Alfred J Turgeon
Turfgrass Management
(2004) Prentice Halls
ISBN: 9780131140004.

D. G. Hessayon
The Lawn Expert
(1997) Expert
ISBN: 9780903505482.

Stewart Brown
Sports Turf & Amenity Grassland Management
(2005) The Crowood Press Ltd
ISBN: 9781861267900.

Richard Hansen, Fredrich Stahl, Richard Ward
Perennials and their Garden Habitats
(1993) Timber Press
ISBN: 9780881922226.

Roy Lancaster
What Plants Where
(1998) Bounty Books
ISBN: 9781859271087.

Bob Watson
Plants: Their Use, Management, Cultivation & Biology – A Comprehensive Guide
(2009) The Crowood Press Ltd
ISBN: 9781847970282.

D. G. Hessayon
The Rock and Water Garden Expert – Expert Books
(1989) Timber Press
ISBN: 9780903505383.

Sandra Pond, Philip Swindells, William Giles, Coral Mula, The Royal Horticultural Society
Water Gardening – The Royal Horticultural Society's Encyclopaedia of Practical Gardening Series
(1999) Mitchell Beazley
ISBN: 9781840001594.

Anthony Archer-Wills, John Brooks
The Water Gardener
(2000) Frances Lincoln Publishers Ltd
ISBN: 9780711249622.

Terence Conran, Dan Pearson
The Essential Garden Book: The Comprehensive Source Book of Garden Design
(2001) Conran Octopus Ltd
ISBN: 9781840911817.

Michael Littlewood
Landscape Detailing v.1: Enclosures – Landscape Detailing
(1993) Architectural Press
ISBN: 9780750613040.

Michael Littlewood
Landscape Detailing: Surfaces v.2: Surfaces – Landscape Detailing S.
(1993) Architectural Press
ISBN: 9780750613033.

Michael Littlewood
Landscape Detailing: Structures v.3: Structures – Landscape Detailing S v.3
(1997) Architectural Press
ISBN: 9780750638296.

Michael Littlewood
Landscape Detailing: Water v.4: Water – Landscape Detailing S v.4
(1993) Architectural Press
ISBN: 9780419204909.

Richard Wiles, Royal Horticultural Society
Garden Structures - Royal Horticultural Society's Encyclopaedia of Practical Gardening Series
(1999) Mitchell Beazley
ISBN: 9781840001570.

Elisabeth Beazley, A. Pinder
Design and Detail of Space between Buildings
(1990) Spon Press
ISBN: 9780419136200.

D. G. Hessayon
The Bedding Plant Expert – Expert Books
(1996) Expert
ISBN: 9780903505451.

D. G. Hessayon
The Flower Expert – Expert Books
(1999) Expert
ISBN: 9780903505529.

D. G. Hessayon
The Rose Expert – Expert Books
(1996) Expert
ISBN: 9780903505475.

Roger Philips, Martyn Rix
Perfect Plants for Your Garden – Garden Plants
(1996) Macmillan
ISBN: 9780333653418.

Christopher Grey-Wilson
The Rock Garden Plant Primer: Easy, Small Plants for Containers, Patios and the Open Garden
(2009) Timber Press
ISBN: 9780881929287.

Christopher Brickell
RHS A-Z Encyclopaedia of Garden Plants
(2008) Dorling Kindersley Publishers
ISBN: 9781405332965.

Graham Rice
RHS Encyclopaedia of Perennials
(2011) Dorling Kindersley Publishers Ltd
ISBN: 9781405334310.

Andrew McIndoe
Shrubs – Hillier Gardener's Guide
(2005) David and Charles
ISBN: 9780715320228.

Martyn Rix, Roger Philips
Shrubs – The Garden Plant Series
(1989) Pan Books
ISBN: 9780330302586.

D. G. Hessayon
The Flowering Shrub Expert – Expert Books
(1994) Expert
ISBN: 9780903505390.

Graham Stuart Thomas
The Rock Garden and Its Plants
(1989) Timber Press
ISBN: 9780881921397.

Understanding the Setting Out and Construction of Landscaping Elements in the Garden

Michael Littlewood
Landscape Detailing v.1: Enclosures – Landscape Detailing
(1993) Architectural Press
ISBN: 9780750613040.

Michael Littlewood
Landscape Detailing: Surfaces v.2: Surfaces – Landscape Detailing S.
(1993) Architectural Press
ISBN: 9780750613033.

Michael Littlewood
Landscape Detailing: Structures v.3: Structures – Landscape Detailing S v.3
(1997) Architectural Press
ISBN:9780750638296.

Michael Littlewood
Landscape Detailing: Water v.4: Water – Landscape Detailing S v.4
(1993) Architectural Press
ISBN:9780419204909.

C. A. Fortlage, Elizabeth Phillips
Landscape Construction: Walls, Fences and Railings v.1
(1991) Gower Publishing Ltd
ISBN: 9780566090417.

C. A. Fortlage, Elizabeth Phillips
Landscape Construction: Roads, Paving and Drainage v.2
(1996) Ashgate Publishing Ltd
ISBN: 9780566090424.

C. A. Fortlage, Elizabeth Phillips, Derek Lovejoy
Landscape Construction: Earth and Water Retaining Structures v.3
(2001) Ashgate Publishing Limited
ISBN: 9780566090431.

C. A. Fortlage, Elizabeth Phillips, Derek Lovejoy
Landscape Construction: Materials, Steps, Ramps and Light Structures v.4
(2001) Ashgate Publishing Limited
ISBN:9780566083952.

Richard Wiles, Royal Horticultural Society
Garden Structures - Royal Horticultural Society's Encyclopaedia of Practical Gardening Series
(1999) Mitchell Beazley
ISBN: 9781840001570.

Rosemary Alexander, Richard Sneesby
The Garden Maker's Manual: The English Gardening School
(2005) Conran Octopus Ltd
ISBN: 9781840913804.

Alan Blanc
Landscape, Construction and Detailing
McGraw-Hill Inc., US
ISBN: 9780070059573.

Nicolas T. Dines, Kyle Brown
Time-Saver Standards: Site Construction Details Manual
(1998) McGraw-Hill Professional
ISBN: 9780070170391.

D. G. Hessayon
The Garden D.I.Y Expert – Expert Books
(1994) Expert
ISBN: 9780903505376.

D. G. Hessayon
The Rock and Water Garden Expert – Expert Books
(1989) Timber Press
ISBN: 9780903505383.

Sandra Pond, Philip Swindells, William Giles, Coral Mula, The Royal Horticultural Society
Water Gardening – The Royal Horticultural Society's Encyclopaedia of Practical Gardening S
(1999) Mitchell Beazley
ISBN: 9781840001594.

Elisabeth Beazley, A. Pinder
Design and Detail of Space between Buildings
(1990) Spon Press
ISBN: 9780419136200.

James Blake
An Introduction into Landscape Design & Construction
(1999) Gower Publishing Ltd
ISBN: 9780566077753.

Understanding a Range of Specialist Elements in the Establishment of Garden and Urban Plantings

D. G. Hessayon
The Bulb Expert – Expert Books
(1995) Expert
ISBN: 9780903505420.

Brian Matthew
Bulbs: The Four Seasons - A Guide to Selecting and Growing Bulbs All Year Round
(1999) Pavilion Books
ISBN: 9781862052000.

Roger Philips, Martyn Rix
Perfect Plants for Your Garden – Garden Plants
(1996) Macmillan
ISBN: 9780333653418.

Great Britain, Forestry Commission
Decorative Trees for Country, Town and Garden
(1984) Stationery Office Books
ISBN: 9781847970282.

Roger Phillips, Shelia Grant, Tom Wellsted, John White
Trees in Britain, Europe and North America
(1978) Pan Books
ISBN: 9780330254809.

Andrew McIndoe
Shrubs – Hillier Gardener's Guide
(2005) David and Charles
ISBN: 9780715320228.

Martyn Rix, Roger Philips
Shrubs – The Garden Plant Series
(1989) Pan Books
ISBN: 9780330302586.

D. G. Hessayon
The Flowering Shrub Expert – Expert Books
(1994) Expert
ISBN: 9780903505390.

Mark Griffiths, John. E. Bryan, Royal Horticultural Society
New RHS Dictionary Manual of Bulbs – RHS Dictionary
(1995) Macmillan
ISBN: 9780333615393.

Harry Baker, Royal Horticultural Society
Growing Fruit – Royal Horticultural Society's Encyclopaedia of Practical Gardening S.
(1999) Mitchell Beazley Publishers
ISBN: 97840001532.

Christopher Brickell, Royal Horticultural Society
Pruning – Royal Horticultural Society's Encyclopaedia of Practical Gardening S.
(1999) Mitchell Beazley Publishers
ISBN: 9781840001518

Mike Pollock
RHS Fruit & Vegetable Gardening
(2002) Dorling Kinderley Publishers
ISBN: 0751336831.

Kate Harper, Louise May Alcott
RHS Fruit and Vegetable Gardening
(2008) Dorling Kinderley Publishers
ISBN: 9781405331265.

Anna Kruger, John Brookes
Garden Design: The Complete Practical Guide to Planning, Styling and Planting any
Garden
(2001) Dorling Kindersley Publishers
ISBN: 9780751309812.

Elisabeth Beazley, A. Pinder
Design and Detail of Space between Buildings
(1990) Spon Press
ISBN: 9780419136200.

D. G. Hessayon
The Bedding Plant Expert – Expert Books
(1996) Expert
ISBN: 9780903505451.

Christopher Grey-Wilson
The Rock Garden Plant Primer: Easy, Small Plants for Containers, Patios and the
Open Garden
(2009) Timber Press
ISBN: 9780881929287.

Christopher Brickell
RHS A-Z Encyclopaedia of Garden Plants
(2008) Dorling Kindersley Publishers
ISBN: 9781405332965.

Graham Rice
RHS Encyclopaedia of Perennials
(2011) Dorling Kindersley Publishers Ltd
ISBN: 9781405334310.

David Joyce and Christopher Brickell
RHS Pruning and Training
(2006) Dorling Kindersley Publishing Ltd
ISBN: 9781405315265.