

Research Guide: Reference Sources in Landscape Architecture

This is a guide to selected reference sources in the field of landscape architecture located in the USC Architecture and Fine Arts Library (AFA). There are many additional excellent sources not listed here. For additional material, consult the USC Libraries home page, www.usc.edu/libraries.

In addition to this guide, there is also a similar guide to Professional Reference Sources in Architecture.

Guides-General

Bridwell, Ferrell M. *Landscape Plants: Their Identification, Culture, and Use*. 2nd ed. Albany, NY: Delmar Thomson Learning, 2003.
LOCATION: AFA Reference SB435.B72 2003

Hightshoe, Gary L. *North American Plantfile: A Visual Guide to Plant Selection, For Use in Landscape Design*. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1998.
LOCATION: AFA Reference SB435.H533 1998
Covers 3600 native and exotic woody plants. Organized as a file for quick comparison among plants.

Heriteau, Jacqueline. *The National Arboretum Book of Outstanding Garden Plants: The Authoritative Guide to Selecting and Growing the Most Beautiful, Durable, and Care-free Garden Plants in North America*. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1990.
LOCATION: AFA Reference SB407.H493 1990
Pictorial guide to ornamental plants and gardening.

Odenwald, Neil G. *Plants for American Landscapes*. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1996.
LOCATION: AFA Reference SB435.5.O34 1996

Perry, Bob. *Landscape Plants for Western Regions: An Illustrated Guide to Plants for Water Conservation*. Claremont, CA: Land Design Publishing, 1992.
LOCATION: AFA Reference Oversized SB475.83.P47 1992

Poor, Janet Meakin, ed. *Plants That Merit Attention*. 2 vols. Portland, Ore.: Timber Press, 1984
LOCATION: AFA Reference SB435 .P6 1994
Volume 1 covers trees and volume 2 covers shrubs. Describes the landscape value of each plant.

Sunset Western Landscaping Book. 1st ed. Menlo Park, Calif.: Sunset Books, [1997]
LOCATION: AFA Reference SB472.32.U6S85 1997
Guide to planning and designing western gardens.

Guides-Regional

Chandler, Philip Edward. *Reference Lists of Ornamental Plants for Southern California Gardens*. Los Angeles: Southern California Horticultural Society, 1993.

LOCATION: AFA Reference SB408.C43 1993

The author of this handbook and register is Philip Chandler, considered to be dean of southern California gardening.

Duggan, Jim. *Plants in the Getty's Central Garden*. Los Angeles: J. Paul Getty Museum, 2003.

LOCATION: AFA Book Stacks SB466.U7G483 2003

Enari, Leonid. *Poisonous Plants of Southern California*. Arcadia, Calif.: County of Los Angeles, Dept of Arboreta and Botanic Gardens, [1975?]

LOCATION: AFA Book Stacks QK100.U6E56 1975

Lund, Annemarie. *Guide to Danish Landscape Architecture, 1000-1996*.

Copenhagen: Arkitektens Forlag, 1997.

LOCATION: AFA Reference SB470.55.D4L8613 1997

Stein, Achva Benzinberg, ed. *Parks and Gardens of the Greater Los Angeles Region*. Los Angeles: School of Architecture, University of Southern California Architectural Guild Press, 1996.

LOCATION: AFA Reference SB466.U65L67 1996

Guidebook to Los Angeles parks.

Dictionaries/Encyclopedias

The American Horticultural Society A-Z Encyclopedia of Garden Plants. Rev. ed.

New York: DK Pub., 2004.

LOCATION: AFA Reference SB403.2.A45 2004

The American Horticultural Society Encyclopedia of Gardening. Rev. ed. New York: DK, 2003.

LOCATION: AFA Reference SB450.95.A45 2003x

American Horticulture Society Encyclopedia of Plants and Flowers. New York: DK Pub., 2002.

LOCATION: AFA Reference SB403.2.A438 2002

Dictionary of Gardening. 4 vols. London: Macmillan Press, 1992.

LOCATION: AFA Reference SB450.95 .D53 1992

A major encyclopedia with pedigree going back to the 18th century.

Encyclopedia of Gardens: History and Design. 3 vols. Chicago: Fitzroy Dearborn, 2001. LOCATION: AFA Reference SB465.E63 2001x

Fleming, John, Hugh Honour, and Nikolaus Pevsner. *The Penguin Dictionary of Architecture and Landscape Architecture*. 5th ed. London: Penguin Books, 1998. LOCATION: AFA Reference NA31.F55 1998X

Flora: A Gardener's Encyclopedia. 2 vols + CD-Rom. Portland, Ore.: Timber Press, 2003. LOCATION: AFA Reference SB403.F66 2003

Griffiths, Mark. *Index of Garden Plants*. Portland, Ore.: Timber Press, 1994. LOCATION: AFA Reference SB403.2.G75 1994
A dictionary on horticulture and ornamental plants.

The Oxford Companion to Australian Gardens. South Melbourne, Vic.: Oxford University Press, 2002. LOCATION: AFA Reference SB451.36.A8O94 2002x

The Oxford Companion to Gardens. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1986. LOCATION: AFA Reference SB469.25.O95 1986
Dictionary covering terms used in the history of garden design.

Rodale's All-New Encyclopedia of Organic Gardening: The Indispensable Resource for Every Gardener. Emmaus, Pa.: Rodale Press, 1992. LOCATION: AFA Reference SB453.5.R633 1992

Speichert, C. Greg. *Encyclopedia of Water Garden Plants*. Portland, Ore.: Timber Press, 2004. LOCATION: AFA Reference SB423.S62 2004
Encyclopedia of aquatic plants and water gardens.

Biographies and Directories

American Landscape Architecture: Designers and Places. Washington, D.C.: Preservation Press, 1989. LOCATION: AFA Reference SB470.53.A44 1989
Handy dictionary on major historic landscape design trends and designers in the United States.

Hermannsson, John. *Green Building Resource Guide*. Newtown, CT: Taunton Press, 1997. LOCATION: AFA Reference TH455.H47 1997
A directory of manufacturers of green products.

World Directory of Landscape Architects. 1st ed. Tustin, Calif.: World Directory of Landscape Architects, 1988-
LOCATION: AFA Reference SB469.3.W68
Covers 23,000 listings. Has not been updated.

Glossaries

Coombes, Allen J. *Dictionary of Plant Names*. Portland, Ore.: Timber Press, 1994.
LOCATION: AFA Reference QK9.C74 1994
Dictionary of botanical etymology and common name equivalents.

Klaus-Jurgen Evert (compiler). Lexicon: Landschafts- und Stadtplanung: Mehrsprachiges Wörterbuch Über Planung, Gestaltung und Schutz der Umwelt. Berlin: London: Springer, 2001.
LOCATION: AFA Reference SB469.L49 2001
Polyglot dictionary of plant and garden-related terms.

Indexes (How to Find Articles)

Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals.
USC Electronic Resources, <http://www.usc.edu/libraries> select the databases link.
A comprehensive listing of journal articles published worldwide on architecture and design, archaeology, city planning, interior design, and historic preservation.
Coverage is from the 1930s (with selective coverage dating back to the 1860s) to the present. Includes the *Burnham Index to Architectural Literature*.

Specifications and Trade Literature

Blanc, Alan. *Landscape Construction and Detailing*. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1996.
LOCATION: AFA Reference TH4961.B56 1996
Connects design considerations with construction technique.

Fee, Sylvia Hollman. *Means Landscape Estimating*. 2nd ed. Kingston, MA: R. S. Means Co., 1991.
LOCATION: AFA Reference SB472.565.F44 1991

Suggested subject terms (to use with HOMER or Avery)

Desert gardening	Landscape architecture
Gardens design	Landscape gardening
Gardens history	Native plant gardening
Gardens tropics	Ornamental plants
Historic gardens	Vertical gardening

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Ask a Librarian

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