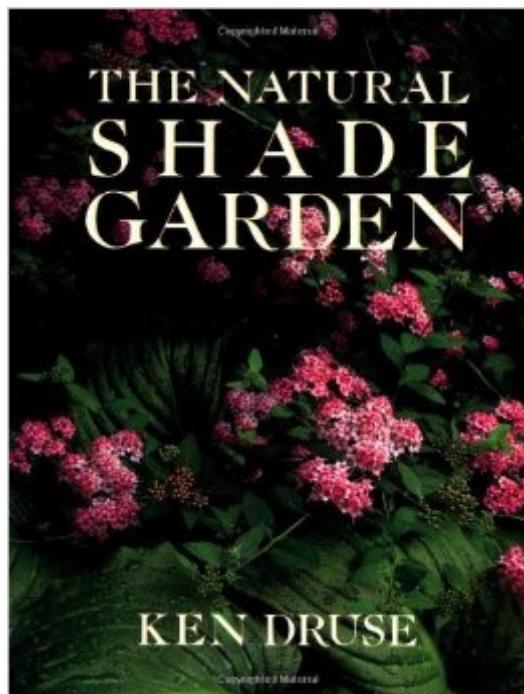


[The book was found](#)

The Natural Shade Garden



Synopsis

Ken Druse's Natural Garden Guides: Award-winning gardening expert Ken Druse offers a personal selection of 80 ideal plants for the natural gardener, drawn from his best-selling classic *The Natural Shade Garden*. This companion guide is illustrated throughout with 130 of Druse's spectacular color photo-graphs. All-new descriptions discuss the origins of each plant, supply the pronunciation of their Latin names, and offer information on their ultimate size, time of bloom, light and soil requirements, cold hardiness, and special interest, such as colorful berries or butterfly attraction. Here, too, is indispensable advice for using these plants with companions to create striking designs. Each section has an original introduction presenting valuable techniques for making your own natural garden. An appendix gives mail-order sources. In *80 Great Natural Shade Garden Plants* Ken Druse selects the best plants for natural gardening in the shade: Ornamental Shrubs • Perennials for Flowers • Perennials for Foliage • Ground Covers and Vines • The Best Hostas • The Best Ferns

Book Information

Hardcover: 288 pages

Publisher: Clarkson Potter; 1 edition (February 18, 1992)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0517580179

ISBN-13: 978-0517580172

Product Dimensions: 8.7 x 0.9 x 11.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 3.2 pounds

Average Customer Review: 4.5 out of 5 stars • See all reviews (30 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #324,589 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #16 in Books > Crafts, Hobbies & Home > Gardening & Landscape Design > Shade

Customer Reviews

THE NATURAL SHADE GARDENER by Ken Druse is a beautiful book even if the photos are slightly "touched up." I have to laugh at the oxymoronic title, however. There is nothing natural about shade gardening, and this is not the WILD GARDEN William Robinson wrote about where drifts of plants are allowed to form naturally. I can tell from Druse's photos someone has been working very hard. Nature's version of vegetation in shade is quite different. Plants in nature tend to run to riot. If you don't think so, take a walk in the "real" woods. In nature, the toughest plant wins. For example, Druse says English Ivy is a good ground cover in shade. Well, it is. English Ivy will grow in

shade---and grow and grow and grow. Recently, a group of local volunteers in our area pulled English Ivy from the trees in a local nature preserve. The stuff kills. Another vine Druse recommends without a warning is Porcelain-berry which is becoming a major problem in along the east coast. Are you old enough to remember the introduction of the new wonder vine Kudzu??On the other hand, Druse says Tradescantia, a native of Virginia brought to England where it was hybridized at Kew Gardens is a pest. Well, it is a prolific plant if you reintroduce it in a Zone 7 garden, but it can be controlled without a great deal of effort, unlike Lysimachia clethroides (White Gooseneck Loosestrife) which Druse recommends without warning that it will take over if you invite it into your garden. Allen Lacey and other garden writers have ID'd Gooseneck Loosestrife as a "thug in the garden" and I can tell you from personal experience they are absolutely correct (of course I had to find out for myself!!).

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Eighty Great Natural Shade Garden Plants (Ken Druse's Natural Garden Guides) The Shade Garden: Shade-Loving Plants for Year-Round Interest Indoor Gardening: 12 Creative Gardening Tips on Garden Design. Discover the Ultimate Small Garden Ideas for Creating the Garden of Your Dreams (Indoor Gardening, garden design, indoor plants) Planting the Dry Shade Garden: The Best Plants for the Toughest Spot in Your Garden A Shade of Vampire 2: A Shade of Blood A Shade of Vampire 8: A Shade of Novak The Natural Shade Garden Natural Remedies for Dogs : 101 Safe & Natural Essential Oils' Remedies for Your DOG: (Natural Remedies For Dogs, Essential Oils Remedies For Dogs, Natural Dog Care, Recipes For Dogs, Home Remedies) Northwest Top 10 Garden Guide: The 10 Best Roses, 10 Best Trees--the 10 Best of Everything You Need - The Plants Most Likely to Thrive in Your Garden ... Most Important Tasks in the Garden Each Month Garden of Secrets Past: An English Garden Mystery (English Garden Mysteries) The Garden Journal, Planner and Log Book: Repeat successes & learn from mistakes with complete personal garden records. 28 adaptable year-round forms, ... (The Garden Journal Log Books) (Volume 1) The New Shade Garden: Creating a Lush Oasis in the Age of Climate Change Making the Most of Shade: How to Plan, Plant, and Grow a Fabulous Garden that Lightens up the Shadows Designing and Planting a Woodland Garden: Plants and Combinations that Thrive in the Shade Alan Titchmarsh How to Garden: Gardening in the Shade Beth Chatto's Woodland Garden: Shade-Loving Plants for Year-Round Interest Shade Gardening With Derek Fell: Practical Advice and Personal Favorites from the Best-Selling Author and Television Show Host (For Your Garden Series) A Garden for Life: The Natural Approach to Designing, Planting, and Maintaining a North Temperate Garden Natural Beauty From The Garden: More Than 200 Do-It-Yourself Beauty

Recipes & Garden Ideas Natural Relief from Asthma (Natural Health Guide) (Alive Natural Health Guides)

[Dmca](#)