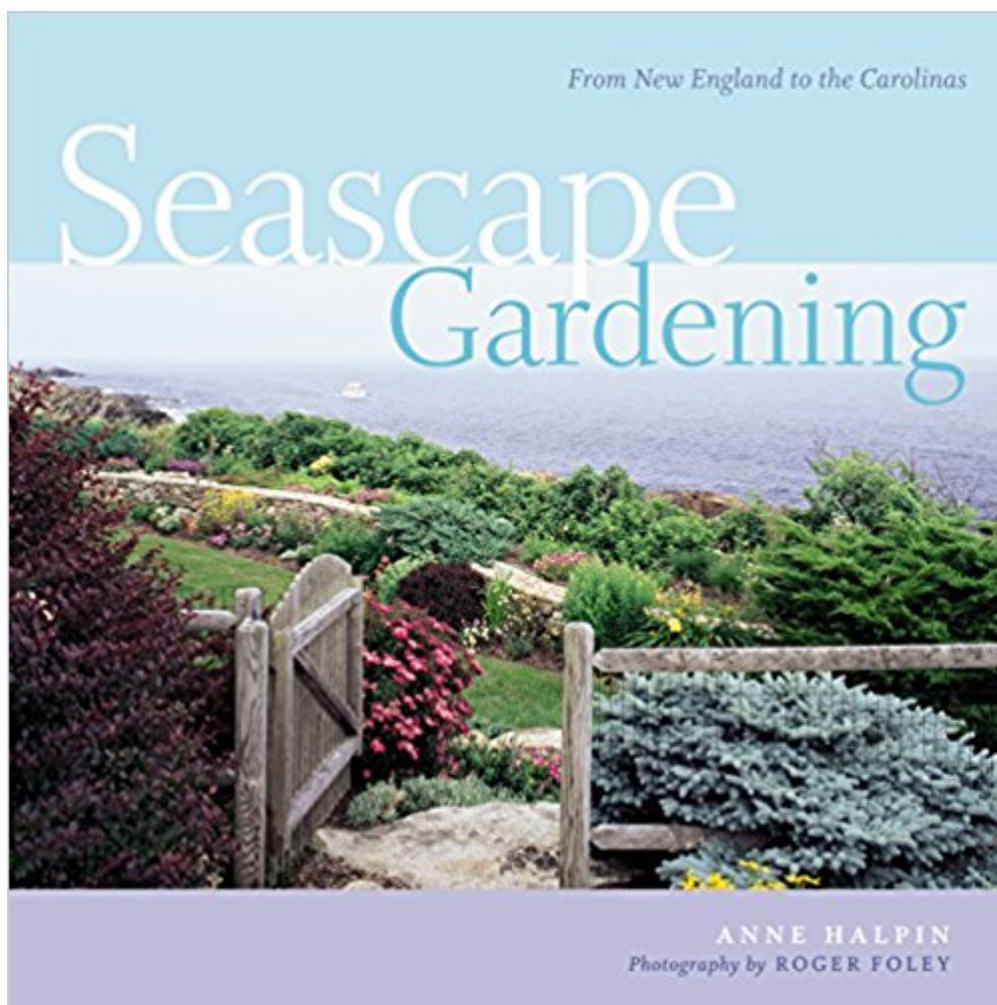


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Seascape Gardening: From New England To The Carolinas



Synopsis

From New England to the Carolinas, gorgeous seaside gardens enhance the unique coastal landscape. Gardening by the sea, however, forces one to grapple with the reality of spraying salt and sand, high winds, fierce sun, and periods of drought that can seriously challenge both the toughest plants and the most determined green thumbs. Ann Halpin helps you design and grow your own thriving coastal garden with profiles of seaside-compatible species and expert tips on growing stunning plants in a variety of climate and landscape conditions.

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In this lushly illustrated how-to book, veteran gardener Halpin (Homescaping; etc.), herself a seaside gardener on Long Island, delves into the difficulties, pleasures and practicalities of gardening by the sea. She presents an overview of the geology and geography of the Atlantic coast from Maine to South Carolina and discusses the elemental challenges of seaside gardening—wind, salt, flooding, sand and sun. Suggestions for ways to work with or overcome these conditions include finding and sheltering an appropriate garden site, using native plants, creating windbreaks and improving the often poor seaside soils. Halpin presents "profiles" of 11 gorgeous seaside gardens varying in locale, from rocky southern Maine to marshy Maryland, and structure, some with formal and difficult-to-maintain plantings, others using native plants for low maintenance, with intriguing comments from the gardens' designers and caretakers about their failures, successes and passion for oceanside gardening. These gardens are mostly designed by

landscape architects and professionally maintained, and may intimidate the DIY seaside gardener, but the book brims with practical information and lists of plants appropriate to particular situations. Almost half of the volume is devoted to an illustrated encyclopedia of seaside-compatible species, addressing hardiness, tolerance and recommended varieties. (Jan.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"Ann Halpin does a wonderful job describing the successes and challenges of beach gardening." • Ursula Sabia Sukinik, *Washington Gardener*, September-October 2006
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"Beachfront gardening is unique and complex, but Halpin guides her fellow Long Islanders, offering planting and design advice, maintenance suggestions, [and] solutions to the biggest challenges." • *Newsday*
"[This] well-written, beautiful book will help seashore gardeners deal with the special challenges of coastal conditions and enjoy the rewards." • *The American Gardener*

We bought a second home at the beach and we were looking for gardening help for our beach place. This was a very good book and it was delivered early in good shape. thanks

This book is well organized. It has good pictures. It is the only book I have come across that takes wind condition into account.

I live in the midwest, but I found this book highly interesting all the same. The photos are beautiful and the advice is practical. The author recommends plants for the seaside, but goes a step further to let readers know whether they are deer resistant and if they can prove invasive, both valid pieces of advice. I was pleasantly surprised to see how many of the book's suggestions are as useful in the midwest as on the coast, like the importance of building up poor soil and how to construct windbreaks from plants or manmade structures. It was also surprising to see how many plants do as well on the coast as they do here, including favorites of mine like new england asters and butterfly weed. The advice on disease and pest controls fits just about anywhere. The book also highlights several very beautiful gardens. They would require a lot of cash to both create and maintain, so

they're out of reach for most readers, but it would be possible to recreate sections of them on a more modest budget. Overall I found the book worthwhile and a good addition to my library.

I don't live by the sea and have never gardened there but I received this book as a galley and I enjoyed it very much. Seaside gardeners have a lot of challenges including salt spray from the ocean, harsh sunlight, erosion and extreme sandy soil that lacks nutrients. The author writes about the different geographical environments along the Atlantic seacoast (from Maine to South Carolina) and then explains how a garden can be created in these conditions. Creating a sheltered space is essential and good information details how to find the best site, choosing a garden style, working with color schemes, improving the soil, using containers and how to use structures and hardscapes. Line drawings as well as photos nicely illustrate the text. The middle section of the book profiles 11 different gardens in various locations along the eastern coast. These gardens are beautifully photographed and the owners describe the challenges and rewards of their gardens. The last section of the book profiles the best plants to use and include trees, shrubs, perennials, ornamental grasses, vines and ground covers. A chart for each plant gives details as to zone, exposure, salt tolerance, drought tolerance and deer resistance. A detailed description of the plant and recommended cultivars are provided as well.

Anne Halpin's *Seascape Gardening From New England To The Carolinas* may not reach the West coast but East Coast residents will find this a fine guide to the shrubs and landscaping choices which enhance an Atlantic environment. The seaside residence offers special gardening challenges: salt and coastal conditions affect plant choices and growing conditions. Halpin here explains these conditions and how to best work with them.

I bought this beautiful book for my mum-in-law, who has a place on the seacoast of Maine. She's an artist and loved the book, especially the photographs and illustrations. The book will adorn her coffee table in Maine and give her new landscaping ideas.

Somewhat inspirational but not enough practical detailed information. I didn't like the author's attitude of superiority.

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