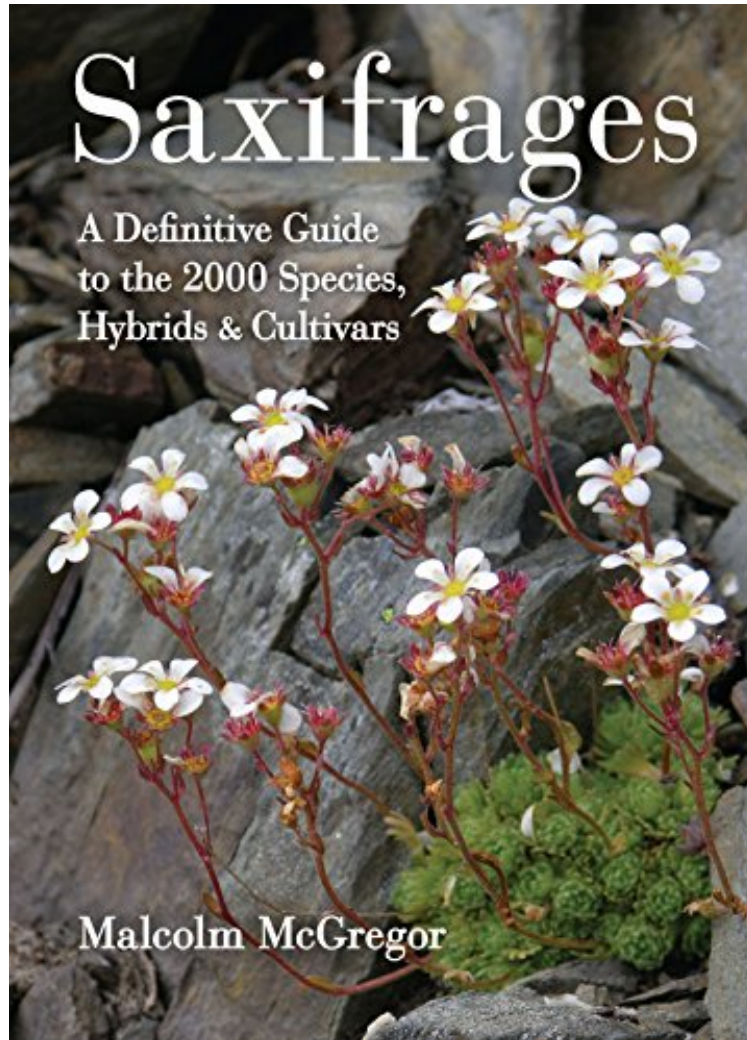


Saxifrages: The Definitive Guide to 2000 Species, Hybrids Cultivars

Malcolm McGregor

ebooks | Download PDF | *ePub | DOC | audiobook



DOWNLOAD



+

READ ONLINE

#640542 in Books Timber Press 2008-08-15 Original language: English PDF # 1 10.70 x 1.21 x 7.64l, 3.00
#File Name: 0881928801384 pages | File size: 67.Mb

Malcolm McGregor : Saxifrages: The Definitive Guide to 2000 Species, Hybrids Cultivars before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Saxifrages: The Definitive Guide to 2000 Species, Hybrids Cultivars:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Get this book - Even if you don't know what a Saxifrage is! By Zenobia Woodlife I delight in opening boxes with books while sitting in my truck in the Post Office Parking lot. Generally well worth the long wait for them to arrive. And this one?.... Well, hmmm.... WOW! No clue how long it was after I began looking thru the book but, gasp! I had to put it down. I HAD to come up for air take a deep breath. Had almost stopped breathing I was so astounded! I then texted a friend "OMG! The closest thing to plant porn you will ever read - BUT have to get your own copy because I am never gonna loan this one out." The next day, I took it to

our local Library, asked our librarian to get a copy for our native plant enthusiasts, budding botanists our general readers so they too can see the beauty that is this plant family AND the beauty that IS this book. We have 7-10 species of Saxifraga - incl relatives out here in the Aleutians and they are wonders. Actually! Wonders! As for a 'review' of the book? Not even sure where/how to begin. The Scholarship, Presentation, Fotos... but ABOVE ALL... the WRITING and the GRAND PASSION behind it all are quite simply BOGGLINGLY GORGEOUS! This MASTERFUL book IS the result of a team of TRULY DEDICATED people: Malcolm McGregor the writer, ALL the Photographers, ALL the Scholars, ALL the Hybridizers, ALL the folks I will never even know of - and ultimately the printer: Timber Press. That's it. That's my review. Nothing more need be said except: GET THIS BOOK even if you don't know what a Saxifraga is. You will learn. And if you are lucky - you will find one - wherever you are. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By Seeds4change Arrived quickly and item was as described. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This was an excellent book, with many beautiful and informational pictures By Mary E. McDonald This was an excellent book, with many beautiful and informational pictures. I wanted it to help me identify wildflowers I was having difficulty finding. A very high percentage of the plants in the book were not North American, so it was not as useful for my particular purpose as I had hoped.

The exquisite symmetry of the star-shaped blooms of saxifrages has captivated gardeners for centuries. Close observation of their fine markings, artful color combinations, and graceful presence makes it eminently clear why they attract such an enthusiastic following. Many saxifrages come from mountain habitats that make them well-suited to rock gardens, troughs, and containers, but the diverse genus includes a huge range of garden worthy plants that deserve to be better known and more widely grown. This book brings together accounts of garden and wild saxifrages, their botany, history, cultivation and propagation. All sections of genus Saxifraga are described, first discursively for the general gardener and then from a botanical viewpoint. There are the dwarf cushion saxifrages whose perfect domes of foliage are studded with jewel-like flowers, the silver saxifrages whose distinctive rosettes and fountain sprays of white flowers associate well with ordinary garden plants, and the mossy saxifrages whose highly prized cultivars have enhanced gardens since the end of the nineteenth century. Malcolm McGregor's advice on using saxifrages in different parts of the garden and his list of the top 100 saxifrages will be invaluable to gardeners new to the genus and to experts who wish to diversify. This is the fascinating story of a true enthusiast's search for saxifrages in the wild, his techniques for successful cultivation, and his continuing quest for information. It will increase understanding of this plant, inspire everyone to grow more saxifrages in their gardens, and satisfy specialists and enthusiasts for decades to come.

This valuable book will appeal to many gardeners. Academic and special libraries with serious interests in botany and horticulture will need to add this important work to their collections. Also recommended for public libraries with significant horticulture collections. Library Journal In this single volume, the gardener has everything he/she might need to begin a lifelong adventure of growing and seeking these beautiful plants. Choice Would make a great addition to horticultural libraries and find favor with a huge number of gardeners who enjoy cultivating a wide range of hardy plants. In particular, the many members of alpine and hardy plant societies will be impressed with this truly well produced book. BBC Gardens Specialist [this book] may be, but its good to know [its] there as a source to be consulted, say, on breeding or propagation, as well as the different species themselves. Times (London)