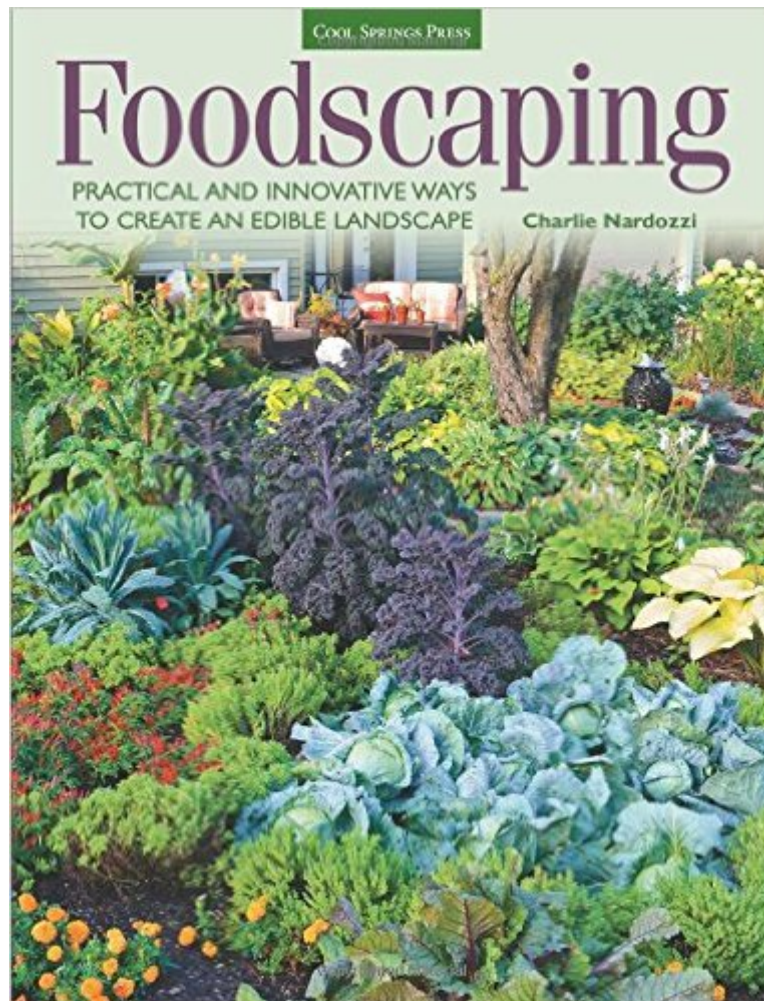


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# Foodscaping: Practical And Innovative Ways To Create An Edible Landscape



## Synopsis

Foodscaping is chock-full of real-world examples, photos, and advice so that even an "average Joe" homeowner and gardener can grow food without sacrificing either their lawn or their home's appearance.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a beautiful book from cover to cover. The information is presented in a well organized and helpful manner, thorough without being overwhelming. The topic is timely as so many people are interested in growing some of their own fruits and vegetables, this book is an excellent guide. The photographs are also lovely and inspiring. I've read many books on gardening and this has become an instant favorite. This is a valuable resource for beginning and experienced gardeners.

A superb book for anyone who wants to learn about growing vegetables in this new way. We've been doing it for a couple of years, but Nardozzi's book taught us a ton, from basic design principles to best varieties to choose. (The array is, after all, bewildering!). I especially liked his lists of "most contaminated" vegetables, and the "least contaminated" (his Clean Fifteen) as well. How on earth would a gardener find info like that without citation from an expert like Nardozzi? The writing is clean and concise and the production value of the book--paper grade, color reproduction, print quality--are all superb. This is a book that we'll be drawing on for years to come.

This is the book that will convince you that the days of hiding a veggie garden in the backyard are SO last century. Whether you're growing as much food as you can cram into a small yard, or planting a few tomatoes in a pot, this colorfully illustrated book provides information and inspiration. I'm a long-time gardener and I learned new things. I also know that Foodscaping will be the edible landscaping book that I'll buy for newbie gardeners. I was impressed that this book is a pleasant read – a leave-it-on-the-kitchen-table-to-read-at-breakfast kind of book. Enjoyable and useful, and the luscious pictures are sure to make you hungry for homegrown, organic produce.

In the land of Vermont Charlie Nardoizzi is synonymous with gardening. He is a trusted source for the vegetable and ornamental gardener alike. In this book he combines his expertise to show us how we can be both types of gardener at the same time. This book has something for everyone, including basics on gardening (soil, sun, water) to the more advanced gardener trying to decide what plants are best for them, including information on varieties that will work for you and your zone, companion plants, and advanced tips for successful growing and harvesting. A fantastic read end to end, as well as a reference book for years to come.

I love this book. I've long thought about "giving up" my yard in order to grow fruits and vegetables, but you don't have to give anything up. It's got some really good ideas to show how edible plants can substitute for the "pretty" ones and they still look great! And who doesn't want to be able to harvest some genuinely fresh fruit off their very own trees or bushes?

It was a pleasure to read Charlie Nardoizzi's Foodscaping book, which offers a unique view of a garden or gardening and landscaping in general. After I read his book, I could see my own Virginia garden, which I blog about at <http://www.pegplant.com>, as plants that could provide both beauty and food, instead of sub-categories of vegetables, herbs, flowers, shrubs, and trees. Viewing the garden this way opens up the possibilities of growing more plants for food within a typical suburban property. Charlie points out how to easily integrate edibles into the garden without sacrificing beauty by starting small, planting the right plant in the right place, and growing what one likes to eat. Instead of ripping out the current garden, learn where bee balm can be substituted for daisies and where blueberries can be grown instead of azaleas. This book is a great way to introduce the topic of planting edibles in a typical modern garden, to see the intrinsic beauty in vegetables and herbs, and to encourage people by making small changes at a time.

This book is an inspiration for a new gardener like myself. I love the idea of landscaping with edible plants. From evaluating your landscape, to planting strategies, to adding color and texture, to container possibilities, this book has so much useful and accessible information. There's a whole section that lists everything you need to know to select and grow your own berries, fruits and veggies, and it gives suggestions for attractive varieties, companion plantings and how to plant, tend and harvest your edibles. Plus the photos in this book are enough to make your mouth water. Can hardly wait to roll up my sleeves and get to work.

I admit, I only bought this to learn more about edible trees. What I got instead was a new gardening philosophy to live by. Charlie (thank you) breaks down the mental barrier between food plants and ornamental plants, and shows you how they can be one and the same: "Forget about the name of the plant for a minute and imagine you're seeing it for the first time." I've often wondered why I banish such beautiful plants to the food garden where I won't see them as often. Thanks to breaking this mental barrier, I no longer need to. Charlie's writing style and deep knowledge makes gardening so accessible and fun to learn about. He packs this book with so much wisdom, I'm still cataloging all the things I've learned about: landscaping, softscaping, hardscaping, container gardening, island plantings, groundcovers, vertical gardening, gardening in small spaces, etc. Plus, he includes the gardening basics: planting, growing, pruning, (natural) pest control, fertilizing, harvesting, and composting, plus how gardening affects your community and our environment. Wow. I especially liked the "My Favorite Foodscape Plants" section, which made it so easy to share ideas with other people in the house.

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