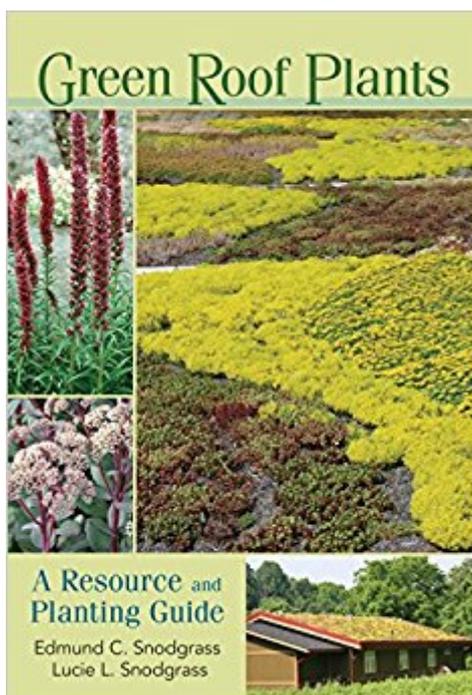


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# Green Roof Plants: A Resource And Planting Guide



## Synopsis

In just a few years, green roofs have gone from a horticultural curiosity to a booming growth industry—primarily because the environmental benefits of extensively planted roofs are now beyond dispute, whether for industrial or governmental complexes or for private homes in urban or suburban settings. Despite the high level of interest in green roofs, until now there has been no reliable reference devoted exclusively to the various species of drought-tolerant plants that are suitable for use on extensive green roofs. *Green Roof Plants* fills that void. The book contains photographs and cultural information for more than 200 species and cultivars of plants, including valuable data on moisture needs, heat tolerance, hardiness, bloom color, foliage characteristics, and height. Concise, accurate, and easy to use, this book is destined to become an indispensable practical reference guide, not just for architects, landscape designers, engineers, and environmentalists, but also for environmentally conscious home gardeners.

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## Customer Reviews

I am in the greenroof nursery business and found Ed Snodgrass' book informative, well organized and written. It is going to serve as one of the most useful reference books in my business library. It will be especially useful for greenroof planners when deciding on plant species to use.

I first must confess that I have a green roof on my 2 car rear garage here in Washington, DC and worked directly with the author on choosing the proper plants to thrive in our little micro-climate. So I

already know the Snodgrass' are the pre-eminent experts in the United States on the types of plants suitable for a given situation. That being said, this book provides an invaluable resource for those interested in, or who may become interested in, having a green roof for their home. When we installed our roof 4 years ago, had we not met the authors we would have had great difficulty in even knowing where to begin. Now all of us have that starting point: by reading Green Roof Plants. And don't think you must be an environmentalist to consider installing a green roof - many do so simply for the aesthetics. In fact, as city dwellers with limited space, we chose a green roof to have something beautiful to view from our kitchen. I suspect there are many of you who really never have thought of having a green roof and would be consigned to a lifetime of looking down or up at a plain shingled, painted or tarred roof. Don't be that homeowner! Installation of a green roof adds perhaps 10-20% to the cost of a painted roof, extend the roof's life and provides significant environmental benefits. Go for it, and buy this book first!

The book gives a basic introduction to Vegetated roofs and then provides the best comprehensive and well organized list of potential roof plants I've seen so far. Its going to be an excellent reference book when we begin to experiment with different plant varieties atop our manhattan apartment building.

A great resource for design professionals. I greatly appreciate the honest real world look at vegetated roof planting. Simple plant mixes that have been tested and photographed are really all i need to spec out a system and sound like the genius architect i pretend to be. This little book has already saved me thousands in consultants. Thanks.

This book is the most comprehensive green roof plant resource available; a must-have for anyone specifying, designing, or constructing green roofs.

This is the perfect companion to Planting Green Roofs and Living Walls -- it specializes in what sort of plants to use given specific conditions and it gives details on how to plant and take care of them -- a super addition to anyones Green library!

While I knew from the title of the book that this is a source of information for green roof plants, I still expected to find information on installation techniques, either very specifically or at least with a list of companies or other sources cited where I could find installation techniques. Only a couple of

companies are cited, but with no Sources section in the back of the book -- only nurseries. Many subjects directly connected to planting and building a green roof are only generally touched on with broad explanations. The plant selection pages are great, with lots of color photos and good description.

I was planning on building a small 8x8 green roof on my new chicken coop and wanted some ideas on which plants to use. As I read through the book I kept a list of those that I liked and now I am ready to move forward with my design. This book focuses on more than just the plants and ranges from huge commercial buildings to smaller at home structures. Great for the wide range of uses of green roofs.

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