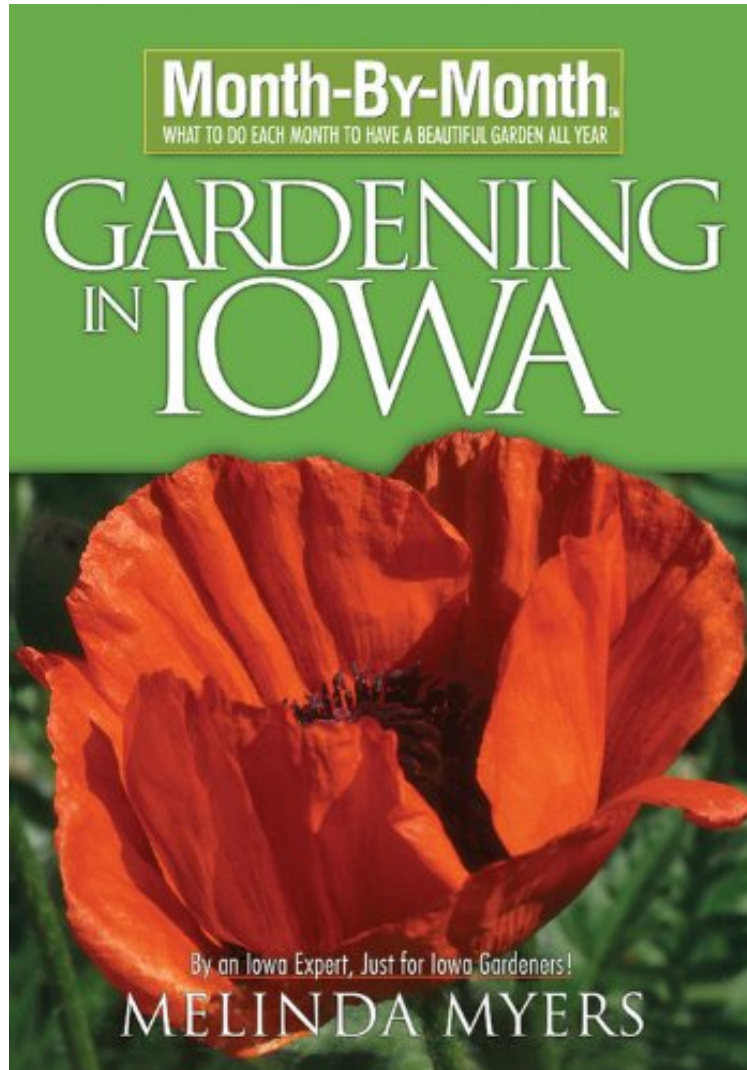


Month-By-Month Gardening in Iowa

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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Layout is bothersomeBy Editing_Gall will upgrade the star rating on this review if, as I work with the book, I find it's more helpful than it has been during initial use. To provide some context: I'm not an avid gardener who enjoys reading about gardening when I'm not out with my hands in the soil. Although I enjoy browsing through books of photographs of other people's gardens, when I pick up a gardening help book, I like to find information quickly. That's where this book doesn't work for me.It's divided into nine main sections--annuals, perennials, bulbs, lawn, trees, herbs/vegetables, roses, shrubs, and vines--each of which is

subdivided by months of the year. However, since most landscapes are some combination of those nine plant types, it seems that the logical layout would have been, as the title suggests, month by month. For example, turn to July and read only those sections of the chapter that apply to your yard and garden. Instead, the layout requires that you go to each section individually, then page through to find the desired month. Since my yard has eight of the nine plant types, the layout of the book makes it a bother to use. It requires a lot of jumping around and searching, and the hassle makes me less likely to pick up the book. I much prefer the true month-by-month layout of *Gardening in Iowa and Surrounding Areas* (Bur Oak Book). 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Gardeners friend By R. Beau This gardening book is a real favorite of mine, although I am a novice. I love how it guides you month by month for many different plants, flowers, trees and shrubs. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. The bible for Iowa gardeners By marilyn This is a wonderful book for getting your garden in shape. It has practical tips and helpful hints for the home gardener. It includes planning, planting, care, fertilizing, and grooming advice for every month. It also has a list of resources in the back with extension offices, public gardens, average rainfall maps, etc. It is a great resource personalized for the Iowa gardener.

Gardening is now the favorite leisure pastime in America. Homeowners are realizing the health benefits derived from gardening and the increase in their home's property value.

About the Author Nationally known gardening expert, TV and radio host, author, and columnist Melinda Myers has more than thirty years of horticulture experience. She has written over twenty gardening books, including *Can't Miss Small Space Gardening*, *The Garden Book for Wisconsin*, *Minnesota Gardener's Guide*, *Month-by-Month Gardening in Wisconsin*, the *Perfect Lawn Midwest* series, as well as the *Midwest Gardener's Handbook* and *Michigan Getting Started Garden Guide*. In addition to authoring books, Myers hosts the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment* segments that air on over 115 TV and radio stations throughout the United States. She is also the instructor for *The Great Course How to Grow DVD* series. She also has a column in *Gardening How-to* magazine and *Wisconsin Gardening* magazine. Melinda hosted *The Plant Doctor* radio program for over twenty years as well as seven seasons of *Great Lakes Gardener* on PBS. She has written articles for *Better Homes and Gardens* and *Fine Gardening* magazines and was a columnist and contributing editor for *Backyard Living* magazine. Melinda has a master's degree in horticulture, is a certified arborist, and was a horticulture instructor with tenure. Melinda Myers' many accomplishments include starting the Master Gardener program in Milwaukee County, two Garden Media Awards (a Garden Globe Award for radio talent and a Quill and Trowel Award for her television work), both from the Garden Writers Association, the American Horticultural Society's B.Y. Morrison Communication Award for effective and inspirational communication, and she was the first woman inducted into the Wisconsin Green Industry Federation Hall of Fame. Visit with Melinda on her website, www.melindamyers.com.