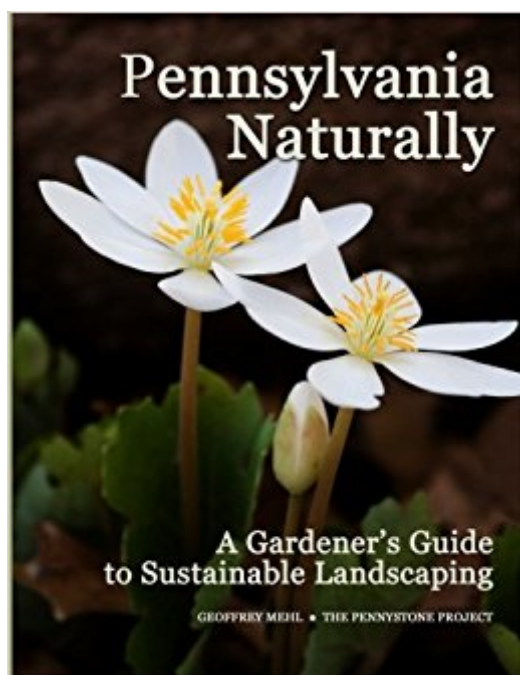


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# Pennsylvania Naturally: A Gardener's Guide To Sustainable Landscaping



## Synopsis

Pennsylvania Naturally describes all the habitat types, all the soils and all the native plants -- but it's also a toolkit of knowledge about geography, geology and ecology especially for gardeners. It provides dozens of starter lists to use as foundations for design and includes the perfect list of plants for rain gardens. The book describes sustainable landscaping as much more than environmental responsibility. Gardens are more lush, more productive, easier to maintain and less expensive. Instead of controlling the land, we collaborate with it to design a garden that suits our taste and give us pleasure. Gorgeous gardens are possible on any scale, no matter what our resources -- and we contribute to the health of the planet. Instead of trial-and-error, we plan, design and create landscapes with confidence and success. For the first time, we can garden with certainty about our soil, the habitat we have, the plants that will work. Along the way, we broaden our horizons about the astonishing variety of landscape opportunities in Pennsylvania and gain an appreciation for the complex ecology that makes the entire state a marvelous place to garden. More than 100 illustrations.

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## Customer Reviews

As a professor of Natural Resources and Sustainability, I highly recommend this book for anyone interested in conservation, sustainability, and landscaping. I plan on using it as a textbook in my class starting next semester. The depth of information and research is remarkable. Yet it's put together in lay terms. Every conservationist and homeowner should have a copy. The use of native species in landscaping is critical and Mehl takes great care in giving us the tools necessary to work with, and understand, the landscape. This is far more than "A Gardener's Guide." Ecosystems,

habitats, and soils are explained. The information on native species is tremendous. I've been looking for a resource like this for years. This is the first place I've found such amazing information. A large part of my students's grade depends on developing a Sense-of-Place project. For the project, they learn the important human, cultural, and natural resources in a community. "Pennsylvania Naturally," is packed with information that will save the students many hours of research and will give them a thorough understanding of how natural environments work. If you have any interest in natural resources in the Northeast states, this book is worth its weight in gold. Please do yourself a favor and pick up a copy and get ready to learn. Thank you Geoffrey Mehl for publishing such a wonderful book.

Geoffrey Mehl has outdone himself. This book is one of the most comprehensive guides to local/native/sustainable landscaping in PA. Soil information, what plants/trees for what areas, light levels explained. It makes you want to take a walk outside just to look around and see what you can identify - from plants to rock formations. Sections of PA are broken down into eco-communities; native plants are identified by Latin names, common names. An enormous undertaking. If you are serious about native plantings this is definitely a book you need.

A comprehensive guide of all Pennsylvania flower, trees, landscape, soils and greenery. I received this as a gift and it has become a great resource for maintaining, and expanding my gardens. This is not a book for beginners, it is more of a text book type of format.

Thorough and very well written study. Great discussion of Penna soils, history, lists of plants, but no photos, no sketches, no keys. You need to already know the plants because there is no way to learn them from the extensive lists. Seems like a wonderful textbook, but not for novice. Planter 63

Pennsylvania Naturally is a terrific guide for natural gardening for native Pennsylvania flowers and plants. Gardens surround my Pennsylvania home and this guide has help to choose plants so there's something blooming throughout the seasons.

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