

Landscaping for Florida's Wildlife by Joe Schaefer and George Tanner (April 1998, 96 pages)



As the natural landscape becomes more humanized, the habitat for many species has been lost or degraded. In a clear, step-by-step format, this book tells how to create a wildlife-friendly landscape that takes into account both people and nature. The author's theme – “put back what you don't need” – allows the gardener to reduce maintenance costs while providing a habitat that offers wildlife the essentials of food, cover, water, and space.

- The book addresses such fundamentals as which ecosystem is appropriate to a particular piece of property and how to determine which species use the property.
- It discusses how to consider soils, drainage patterns, utility lines, adjacent land uses, and existing native vegetation.
- It describes how to prepare a base map; add plant and non-plant elements such as birdhouses, burrows, and treefrog houses; and calculate the cost of materials.



Throughout, helpful drawings, tables, and worksheets illustrate the procedures. Appendices include an extensive list of native plants by ecosystem type, contacts in public agencies and private conservation organizations, lists of field guides and related books, and a table that shows which wildlife species use various ecosystems.

Joe Schaefer and George Tanner are professors of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation at the University of Florida. Both have written popular articles and books that apply scientific knowledge to conservation actions.



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