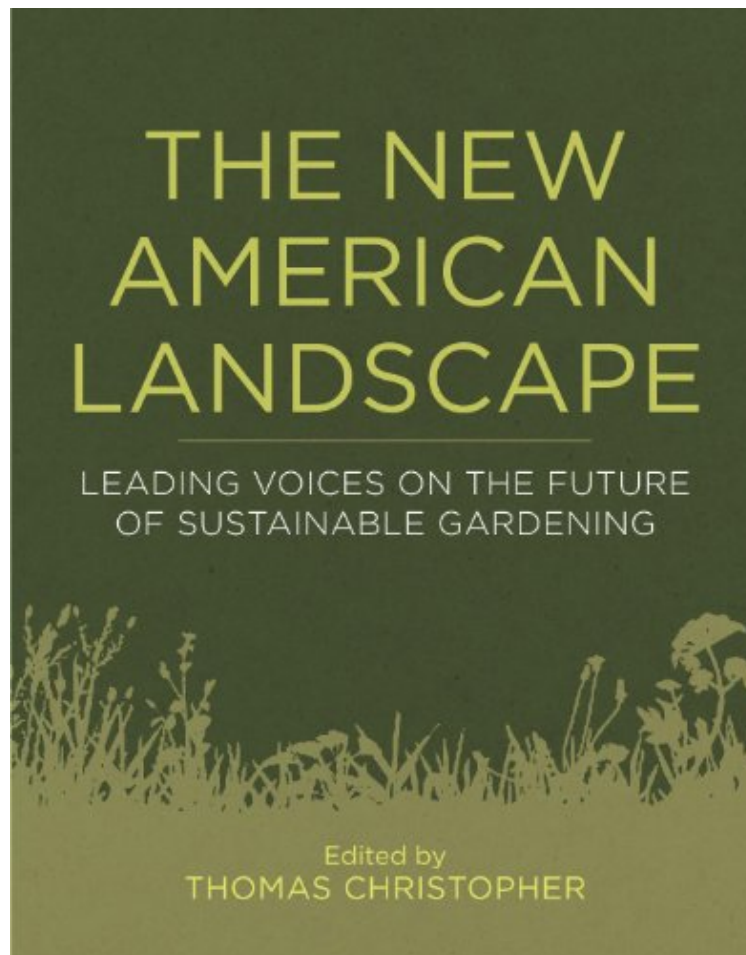


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called drought tolerant plants and keep irrigating the same as before. Whenever we add irrigated acreage, we are increasing water use; unless we switch to reclaimed or use grey water at home which does not increase potable water use. It's like buying at the grocery store and being told you saved money. No, you just spent money. So my concern is that this may not be sustainable at all here in the southwest. However, the chapter is otherwise excellent. There is a controversy regarding the use of pesticides explored in this book. I especially liked the chapter on gardening sustainably with a changing climate. I would give it five stars except for the water issue. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Buy it! Buy it! Buy it! This is a Great Find! By Marlene Rodak This is really a great book. I was surprised at how good it is. I checked it out of the library and had so many flags and "stickies" in it that I had to buy my own copy. This book features the best of the best writing chapters on their specialties. Dr. Doug Tallamy was the guy who interested me in the book. However, the soil chapter is great, too. This is truly a gem and I don't say that about many books. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Very interesting gardening book. By Amotd I highly recommend this book to those interested in gardening in an environmentally responsible way. There are eleven chapters, all by different authors, emphasizing native plants and sustainability. There are lots of photographs and illustrations. The authors all are obviously much smarter than I am, and the chapters have a bit of a textbook feel, but the book is easy to read, extremely interesting and practical for the home gardener.

Gardeners are the front line of defense in our struggle to tackle the problems of global warming, loss of habitat, water shortages, and shrinking biodiversity. In *The New American Landscape*, author and editor Thomas Christopher brings together the best thinkers on the topic of gardening sustainably, and asks them to describe the future of the sustainable landscape. The discussion unfolds from there, and what results is a collective vision as eloquent as it is diverse. *The New American Landscape* offers designers a roadmap to a beautiful garden that improves, not degrades the environment. Its a provocative manifesto about the important role gardens play in creating a more sustainable future that no professional garden designer can afford to miss. John Greenlee and Neil Diboll on the new American meadow garden Rick Darke on balancing natives and exotics in the garden Doug Tallamy on landscapes that welcome wildlife Eric Toensmeier on the sustainable edible garden David Wolfe on gardening sustainable with a changing climate Elaine Ingham on managing soil health David Deardorff and Kathryn Wadsworth on sustainable pest solutions Ed Snodgrass and Linda McIntyre on green roofs in the sustainable residential landscape Thomas Christopher on waterwise gardens Toby Hemenway on whole system garden design The Sustainable Site Initiative on the managing the home landscape as a sustainable site

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