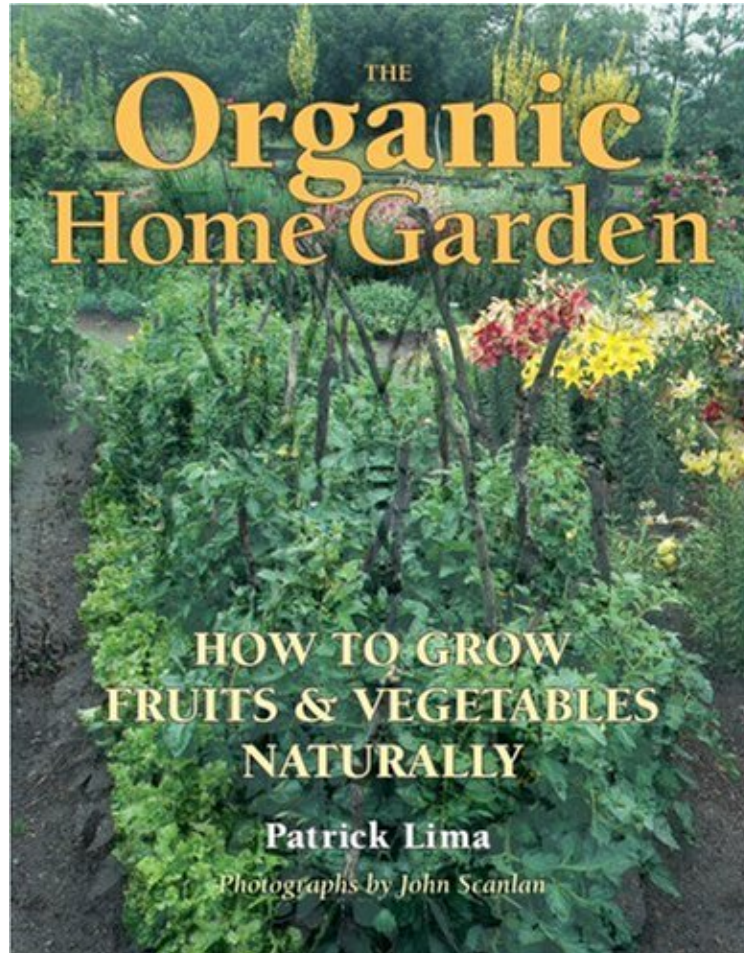


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A cornucopia of information. Once available only at farmers' markets, organic produce is now basic stock at the supermarket. With mounting concerns about pesticides, climate change and consumption levels of fossil fuels, consumers are more careful about how, and where, fruits and vegetables are grown -- and how far they have traveled to get to their table. More than ever, people are deciding not only to purchase organic and local produce, but also to grow their own. *The Organic Home Garden* shows in detail how to plant, grow and harvest delicious vegetables and fruits from spring to fall and from seed to harvest. Since most consumers live in urban and suburban settings with limited space, Patrick Lima explains how to create an organic garden that is both compact and productive. Through step-by-step examples, he shows how to prepare odorless in-ground compost; transform fallen leaves into a valuable soil conditioner; and design, build and plant permanent raised beds. Among the important topics covered are: Soil preparation Using cold frames Selecting seeds Transplanting techniques Natural pest and disease control Multiple harvests from a single garden Frost protection. Extensive line drawings and charts plus 50 stunning color photographs illustrate the different gardening steps. For making the most of home-grown fruits and vegetables, 30 outstanding recipes are also included.

From Publishers Weekly Lima's fourth gardening book shares his extensive knowledge of agriculture gleaned from years of tending Larkwhistle (his own home garden in Ontario, Canada) without use of chemicals or pesticides. Larkwhistle, Lima states, "grew out of a flat, sandy hayfield thick with twitch grass and weeds. Seasons of organic care and cultivation have transformed the field into a lush and productive garden." Scanlan's mouthwatering full-color photos of Larkwhistle and its harvest certainly add to Lima's credibility. Lima talks would-be gardeners through the planting of the first seedlings-early and indoors-and explains how to feed the soil with compost and natural fertilizer. He advocates designing the garden around small beds rather than long, tedious rows, and offers specific tips for fruits and vegetables from apples to zucchini, always providing line drawings to illustrate finer points. The book covers natural, effective methods of pest prevention and removal, and includes a comprehensive seeding, sowing and transplanting schedule to ensure fresh foods year round. Lima even tosses in several simple recipes in which to use the resulting bounty. The author's passion for natural gardening is infectious, and his language often borders on poetic ("Watermelons sit there, fat and inscrutable"). His knowledge provides an invaluable source for those just beginning their organic garden, as well as more experienced growers looking for some new tricks. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Well-illustrated and written, this book has all kinds of tips... Strawberry instructions alone cover several pages. (Dale Langford Rocky Mountain News 2007-06-09) How to create fruit and vegetable gardens that are both pleasing to the eye as well as the palate. (Megan Miers Tulsa World 2004-04-03) Delightfully written, it covers the hows and whys of organic gardening. (Michael Leach Columbus Dispatch 2005-02-26) The authors' strength lie in their encouraging tone and their humor... will inspire readers. Relentless optimism and an appreciation for beauty are as evident here as in the authors' earlier collaboration. (Bonnie Poquette Library Journal 2004-05-15) The author's passion for gardening is infectious... an invaluable resource for those just beginning their organic garden, as well as more experienced growers looking for some new tricks. (Publishers Weekly 2004-03-15) Lima's gardening books are consistently wonderful, and this is no exception... Though there's plenty of dirt under its nails, the book's practical side is elevated by gorgeous veggie photographs taken by John Scanlan. Bottom Line? The new kitchen garden bible. (Harrowsmith's Truly Canadian Almanac 2008) About the Author Patrick Lima is a noted organic gardener based in Ontario and the author of several books, including of *The Art of Perennial Gardening*. John Scanlan's photographs have appeared in many books and magazines.