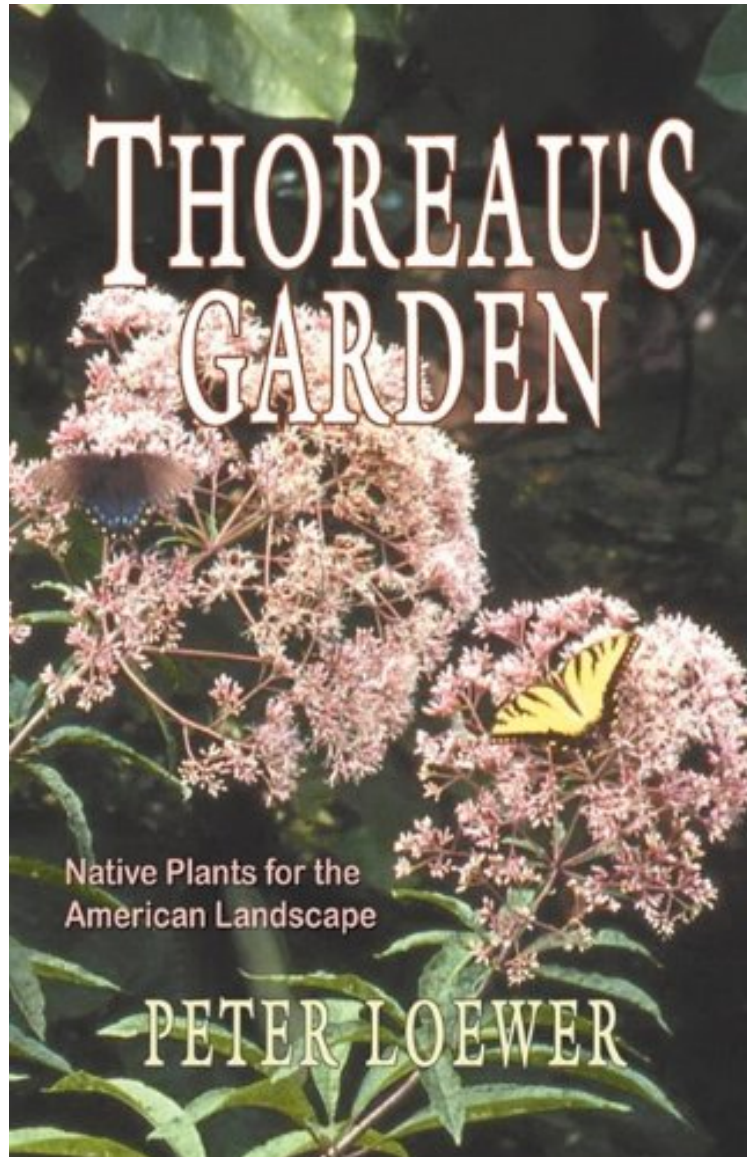


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good that someone has compiled a volume of Thoreau quotes about it. But "Thoreau's Garden" is not a mere collection of his observations about plants (actually: 47 plants, 2 trees, and one insect). Author Peter Loewer has combined Henry's pithy journal entries with supporting details about each specimen. Included are descriptions of the leaves, flowers, fruit, and soil preferences. A follow-up essay for each one provides the history and biology of the plant, how it is pollinated, its possible medicinal uses, and gardening tips. Each entry is accompanied by a beautiful and detailed line drawing, which must have been done by the author, since no additional illustration credit appears. Here we can learn more about ferns and berries, goldenrods and grasses. Readers can even get a glimpse of the "disgusting ... yet very suggestive" fungus (*Phallus impudicus*) that Thoreau railed about in October 1856, pondering "Pray, what was Nature thinking of when she made this? She almost puts herself on a level with those who draw in privies." (pp. 156-158) Loewer used as his reference the index in the Dover two-volume reprint of Thoreau's journals, which is indeed a helpful starting point but is far from complete. If he had consulted Ray Angelo's meticulous "Botanical Index to the Journal of Henry David Thoreau," his task would have been much more daunting. Picking only 50 samples from a single-spaced list spanning 144 pages would be a challenge. And because Loewer at one time was affiliated with the Botanical Gardens of Asheville (NC), he can be forgiven for adding some Southern species and cultivars that Thoreau would never have seen. Similar in design and coverage to Laura C. Martin's "Wildflower Folklore" but with a Thoreauvian twist, this book is a nice selection for nature library shelves.

THOREAU'S GARDEN is an imaginary place where the plants Thoreau knew in 19th-century New England still thrive and where we can learn their history, their uses, and their charms. Well-known garden writer Peter Loewer profiles nearly 50 shrubs, trees, grasses, flowering plants, fungi, and ferns, using generous excerpts from Thoreau's journals and his own botanical illustrations and comments. Each essay mentions the use of the plant in cultivation, and conveys Thoreau's delight in the natural world and some interesting and unusual facts about the plants in his vicinity. About the Author: Peter Loewer is the author of many highly regarded books on gardening and natural history, including the award-winning *THE WILD GARDENER* and *JEFFERSON'S GARDEN*. His botanical drawings are in the permanent collection of The Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. He lives and teaches art in Asheville, North Carolina.