

A Frequently Consulted Cold Tolerant Cactus and Succulent Annotated Bibliography

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Agaves, Yuccas and Relatives

- Hawker, Jon L., 2016. *Agaves, Yuccas, and Their Kin*, Texas Tech University Press, 430 p.
Best reference, good distribution maps, photographs, a field guide.
- Irish, Mary and Gary, 2000. *Agaves, Yuccas, and Related Plants*, Timber Press, 312 p.
First of its kind and very useful for hardiness ratings from growers across the USA.
- Starr, Greg, 2012. *Agaves*, Timber Press, 342 p.
Up to date taxonomy, new species, including all of the hardy ones, great photos.

Cacti

- Barnett, Don and Donnie, 2016. *The Cactus of Colorado*, Colorado Cactus and Succulent Society, 320 p.
Completely new treatment of Colorado cacti, first since 1940, all plants are cold tolerant, extensive bibliography. Owners of the online nursery Ethical Desert.
- Chance, Leo J., 2012. *Cacti & Succulents for Cold Climates*, Timber Press, 328 p.
The first place to check to see if a cactus/succulent might be cold tolerant.
- Charles, Graham, 2009. *Gymnocalycium in Habitat and Culture*, Self-Published, 288 p.
Encyclopedic and well-illustrated study, note the plants from higher altitudes and wide distributions.
- Green, Cheryl W., Ferguson, D. J. consulting, 2011. *Pricklypears Commonly Found in the United States and Northern Mexico*, Self-Published, 140 eap.
Unusual and beautiful book, many of the Opuntias are cold tolerant, taxonomy is problematic.
- Ingram, Stephen, 2008, *Cacti, Agaves, and Yuccas of California and Nevada*, Cachuma Press, 244 p.
Little known, beautifully photographed, distribution maps, high altitude species are cold tolerant.
- Powell, A. Michael, Weedon, James F. and Powell, Shirley A., 2008. *Cacti of Texas, A Field Guide*, Texas Tech University Press, 383 p.
The best book on Texas cacti by the most knowledgeable authors, many cold tolerant species.
- Kelaidis, Gwen Moore, 2008. *Hardy Succulents: Tough Plants for Every Climate*, Storey Publishing, 160 p.
Beautiful photography by Saxon Holt, good survey of plants/techniques for beginners.
- Sarnes, Elisabeth and Norbert, 2012. *Cactus de Patagonia*, German/English, Self-published, 80 p.
These are the experts, all of the plants detailed are cold tolerant, great photos and cultivation tips.
- Sarnes, Elisabeth and Norbert, 2015. *Austrocactus*, Self-published, 124 p.
Unique and definitive, expanded coverage of Austrocactus from their first book, beautifully done.
- Spain, John, 1997. *Growing Winter Hardy Cacti in Cold, Wet, Winter Climatic Conditions*, Self-published.
Expanded version of his 1992 and 1994 booklets, out of print, Spain is the doyen of hardy cacti, With gardens in Detroit and Connecticut. Try eBay or either Connecticut or Massachusetts Cactus Societies. John has just turned 99!

Mesembs (Aizoaceae)

- Hammer, Steven, Smith, Gideon et al, 1998. *Mesembs of the World*, Briza Publications, 405 p.
The best general reference on these unique succulents.

Hammer, Steven, 2013. *Mesemb: The Titanopsis Group*, Little Sphaeroid Press, 194 p.
Includes the genera Aloinopsis, Delianthe, Nananthus, and Titanopsis, all with cold tolerant species and hybrids. This book is a work of art with literary writing, beautiful photos, and very helpful distribution maps.

Sedums

Horvath, Brent, 2014. *The Plant Lover's Guide to Sedums*, Timber Press, 232 p.
Newest book, includes over 150 species/hybrids, most of which are cold tolerant.
Stephenson, Ray, 1994. *Sedum: Cultivated Stonecrops*, Timber Press
Encyclopedic treatment, a serious reference for those who wish to grow as many sedums as possible.

General

Davidson, Leroy B., 2000. *Lewisias*, Timber Press, 236 p.
Many named *L. longipetala* hybrids since publication but unsurpassed for descriptions, artwork, and writing quality. *Lewisias* are cold tolerant succulents that appreciate winter moisture.
Duke, Gary, 2019. *Landscaping and Micro-Climates for Small Yards*, Self-published, 51 p.
Helpful pictorial coverage to guide users to take advantage of micro-climates with regards to many types of succulents. Useful in any climate.
Chips, Lori, 2018. *Hypertufa Containers*, Timber Press, 224 p.
How to make (but you can buy them) but especially how to plant, many examples of cold tolerant cacti/succulents in troughs and with companion plants.
Nold, Robert, 2008. *High and Dry: Gardening with Cold-Hardy Dryland Plants*, Timber Press, 420 p.
Great book for integrating cacti, yuccas with non-succulent plants, not-to-be-missed plant
And insect watercolor illustrations by Cindy Nelson-Nold.
Springer Ogden, Lauren, 2010, 2nd. Edition. *The Undaunted Garden, Planting for Weather-Resilient Beauty*, 294 p.
Much expanded from 1st edition, great treatment for cacti/succulents and non-succulent companion plants. Just last year, Lauren finished construction of the largest cold tolerant cactus/succulent garden in the USA at Spring Creek Botanic Gardens in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Web

Instagram—extensive photographic records of hardy succulents by genus
<http://instagram.com>

Opuntiads—authoritative site on all Opuntoids
<https://www.opuntiads.com>

Ralph Martin's Field Number Database—Hard field data by species for thousands of succulent species, including the hardy ones
<https://www.fieldnos.bcsc.org.uk/fieldno.html>

