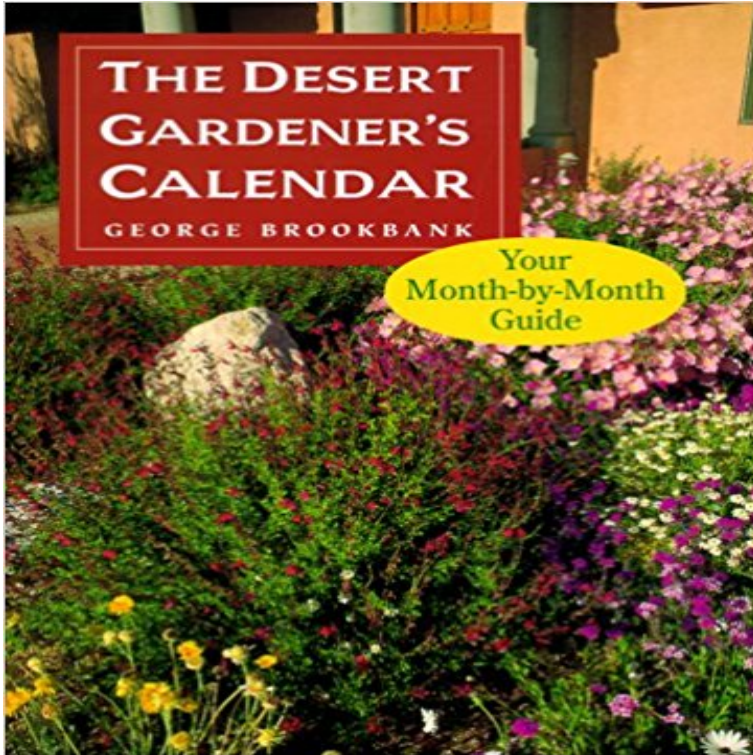


## The Desert Gardeners Calendar: Your Month-by-Month Guide



Whats the best time to plant or prune? When should you fertilize fruit trees? Whats the earliest date to set out tomato plants? Gardeners in the desert Southwest cant rely on books that try to cover the whole country. Summer heat, less rain, and shorter, unreliable growing seasons are important factors in the desert. Thats why The Desert Gardeners Calendar can be essential to gardening success. Whether youre raising vegetables, nursing citrus trees, or just trying to keep your front yard looking its best, youll find that this handy book gives you a valuable month-by-month perspective on the year. It helps you to focus on necessary activities and reminds you of simple tasks you might overlook. Its especially valuable for people whove moved to the desert regions from other parts of the country and follow old gardening dates that seldom apply to their new home. The Desert Gardeners Calendar is a guide to the maintenance you need to do to keep your garden flourishing and your landscape attractive throughout the year. It combines the month-by-month gardening and landscaping activities from two separate books by George Brookbank--Desert Gardening, Fruits and Vegetables and Desert Landscaping--and was created in response to readers who have found the calendar sections of those books especially invaluable. And because not all deserts are the same, Brookbank is careful to point out differences in scheduling encountered by gardeners in low- and middle-elevation regions in California and the Southwest. I believe, says the author, that if you use this calendar and let your judgment become more accurate with experience, youll soon be doing everything right. Although that might suggest a day when you dont need this book, chances are good that, if youre a desert gardener, right now you do.

