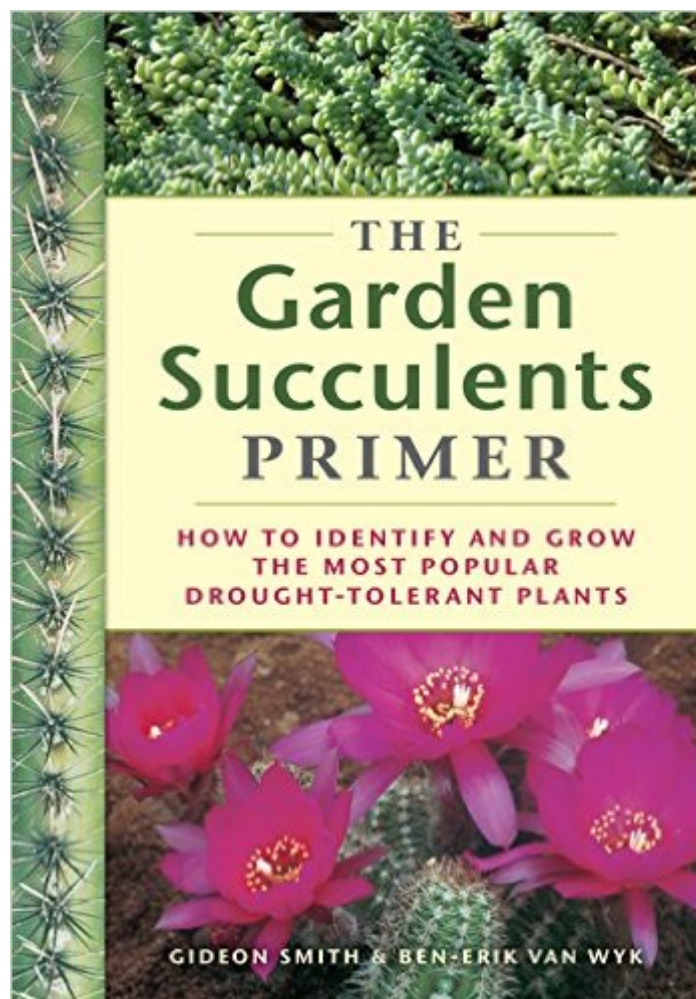


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# The Garden Succulents Primer



## Synopsis

Succulents and rock garden plants have become popular for their ease of cultivation, diversity of form, and striking colors. Their natural drought tolerance makes them especially useful for gardens in arid climates and water-conserving gardens. The Garden Succulents Primer is a user-friendly identification guide. It includes detailed descriptions of more than 400 well-known succulents and their close relatives that will allow readers to quickly determine the family to which a succulent belongs. Descriptions are supported with 450 color photographs that showcase each plant's distinctive shape and color. Also includes chapters on use, conservation, cultivation, and propagation.

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Let me start by stating that I have never met a plant book (or a cook book, for that matter) that I did not like or admire or find useful on some level. Well I am sorry to report to you that this offering came pretty close to that goal I was not seeking, no, no, no...not one bit!! I have had very good experiences with other Timber Press so I was rather surprised at the quality and usefulness of this book. Now I know that this is a "primer" as indicated in the title, but to be truthful, even that level of expertise supposedly being offered here simply misses the mark! The text is almost nonexistent and what little information is given is so vague that it is difficult to glean even the slightest bit of information from it. I suppose if you did not have a clue as to what a succulent is, it might give you some inkling, but even that is rather doubtful. The photographs are subpar, as far as I am concerned

and if you desire a book to help in identification...well forget it and seek another publication. As another reviewer has pointed out, some photographs show absolutely no foliage and only the flower, which for those of you who know succulents will know that this information is almost useless...pretty...yes, but of no use what so ever. As to cultivation and growing...forget it. You would do better sticking to the silly little tag you find stuck to many retail plants...they give more information than you will find here. You have no idea how it hurts me to give any plant book a one star rating but I fear I must in the case of this work. On the bright side; and yes folks, there is usually a bright side to most things, I check this one out at the library and did not have to pay a cent for it.

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