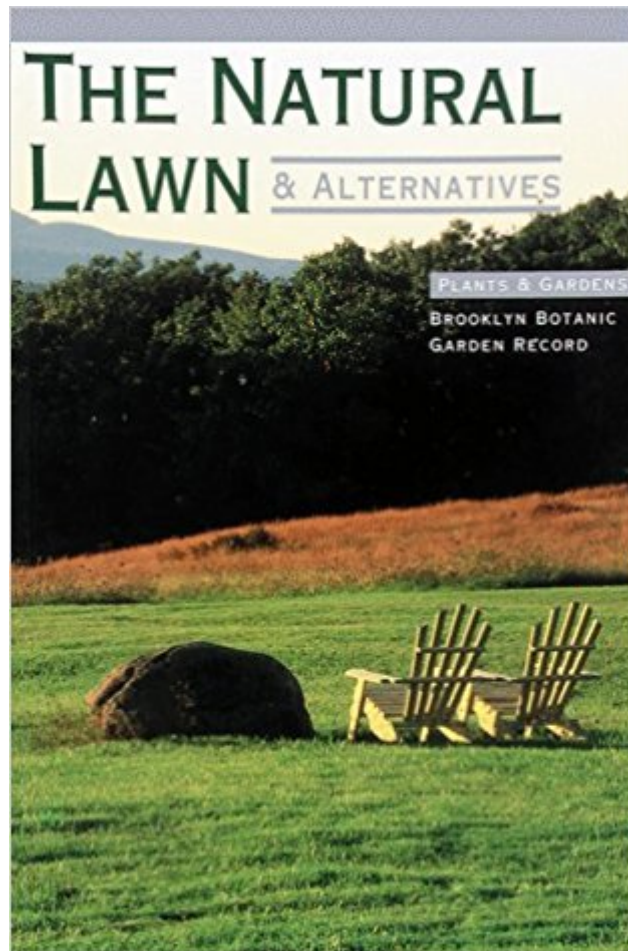




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# **The Natural Lawn & Alternatives (Plants & Gardens)**



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One alternative to a yard of grass is a meadow filled with flowers, the editor suggests. Another is a yard--if it's in the shade--planted with moss rather than grass, or one planted with ground covers such as periwinkle, Japanese spurge, or English ivy. Sedge lawns are also recommended, although these are best grown in the regions in which they are native. Suggested are catlin, cedar, Pennsylvania, California meadow, or western meadow sedge; these can be left unmowed. For gardeners who prefer the traditional lawn there is information on chemical-free lawns (using a natural fertilizer) and natural insect control. There's a chapter on converting a lawn into a native prairie using grasses and wildflowers. This chapter includes a list of prairie plants for dry, sandy soil, one for medium soil, and one for moist soil. Seventy pages are in color. George Cohen

Good read.

This book is one of the "primers" on specific subjects that have been available from the Brooklyn Botanic garden since I was a teenager just starting in horticulture. I have never been disappointed in a book from this institution - they usually provide practical, science-based advice on the topic in question, such that gardeners can immediately apply what they've learned. Strongly

recommended for "Master Gardeners" as an information resource and also recommended to folks who need practical help.

I got this for a friend who has native beach grasses instead of a traditional lawn, and she was able to glean useful information out of it. It's a very short book, and it doesn't cover every climate possible, but it also doesn't set out to do that. There are plenty of good alternative ideas for your lawn. I recommend this to anyone who wants to conserve water, do something natural, or try something a little different.

interesting capture of natural grasses...the book provided realistic alternative suggestions to make a lovely yard...and I'm no Martha Stewart!

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