

useful information

risc roof garden

books

***The Edible Container Garden: fresh food from tiny spaces* Michael Guerra** Gaia Books 2005 £11.99

How-to guide for intensive organic growing. List of container depths a variety of edible plants need, and Michael's transformation of a suburban garden into a delectable Eden.

***Growing Unusual Vegetables: weird and wonderful vegetables and how to grow them* Simon Hickmott** Eco-Logic Books 2003 £14.95

Comprehensive cultivation instructions and fascinating notes on origin, history and uses of over 90 unusual edible plants from all over the world.

***How To Make A Forest Garden* Patrick Whitefield** Permanent Publications 2002 £14.95
Highly practical book which applies permaculture principles to create a forest garden. Includes a recommended plant list and step-by-step guide.

***The Origin of Plants* Maggie Campbell-Culver** Eden Project Books 2004 £8.99 pb
Compelling look at how Britain's post-glacial wasteland was transformed into a diverse flora by the flow of people and plants from every corner of the globe.

***Planting Green Roofs and Living Walls* Nigel Dunnet & Noel Kingsbury** Timber Press 2004 £25 hb

Good introduction to using plants to reduce the environmental footprint of buildings and create beautiful spaces. A useful, though not exhaustive, plant list.

***Plants for a Future: edible & useful plants for a healthier world* Ken Fern** Permanent Publications 2000 £16.95 pb

Essential book for all those wanting to create edible landscapes – forest gardens, ponds, hedges... The product of many years research into the potential of native and exotic plants for food and other uses.

***Rain Gardens* Nigel Dunnett & Andy Clayden** Timber Press 2007 £25 hb
'Bio-retention' – diverting rainwater away from stormwater drains and into the landscape – is a key element of the sustainable garden which can help to solve one of the problems faced by planners, developers and people living in the floodplain.

***The DIY Guide to Green & Living Roofs* Dusty Gedge & John Little** £11.65 eBook
password-protected pdf downloadable from www.livingroofs.org/DIY_Guide_intro.html
There are other coffee table books with lots of inspiring photos of green roofs, but this is the only one which will enable you to create your own. Indispensable for would-be extensive green roofers.

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websites

Permaculture Association

www.permaculture.org.uk

Includes an explanation of the permaculture principles which lie behind the design of the RISC garden.

Plant Cultures

www.plantcultures.org.uk

Discover more about South Asian plants and the stories they have inspired. Result of a Kew Gardens project – African-Caribbean research in progress.

Plants for a Future

www.pfaf.org.uk

Fantastic database of 7000 rare and unusual plants, particularly perennials, which have edible, medicinal or other uses.

nurseries

Agroforestry Trust

www.agroforestry.co.uk

Martin Crawford has been doing excellent pioneering work evaluating plants from around the world for temperate forest gardens and offers a mail order service for plants and seeds.

Chiltern Seeds

www.chilternseeds.co.uk

Huge range of flowers, herbs and vegetable seeds.

Kore Wild Fruit Nursery

www.korewildfruitnursery.co.uk

Offers a good range of edible fruit trees and shrubs.

Poyntzfield Herb Nursery

www.poyntzfieldherbs.co.uk

Offers an extensive range of organically grown herbs.

Scotts Nurseries

www.scottsnurseries.co.uk

A good range of fruit trees.

Suffolk Herbs

www.suffolkherbs.com

Offers a comprehensive range of organically grown seeds.

suppliers

D & V Fuels

www.dvfuels.co.uk

Suppliers of a large range of re-used containers suitable for water harvesting.

Droughtbuster

www.droughtbuster.co.uk

Distribute Water Green, a simple inexpensive hand-primed siphon pump for emptying bathwater without swallowing water.

Hayes Plastics

www.hayesplastics.com

Produce a good plastic rainwater diverter for a range of downpipe sizes, including an adaptor for cast iron pipes.

Porous Pipe

www.porouspipe.co.uk

Made from recycled car tyres, porous pipe can be used in a low cost irrigation system using harvested rainwater.

Rainharvesting Systems

www.rainharvesting.co.uk

Sophisticated (ie relatively expensive) rainwater harvesting systems.

WaterTwo

www.watertwo.co.uk

Inexpensive greywater diverter which is plumbed into your bathroom waste water outlet.