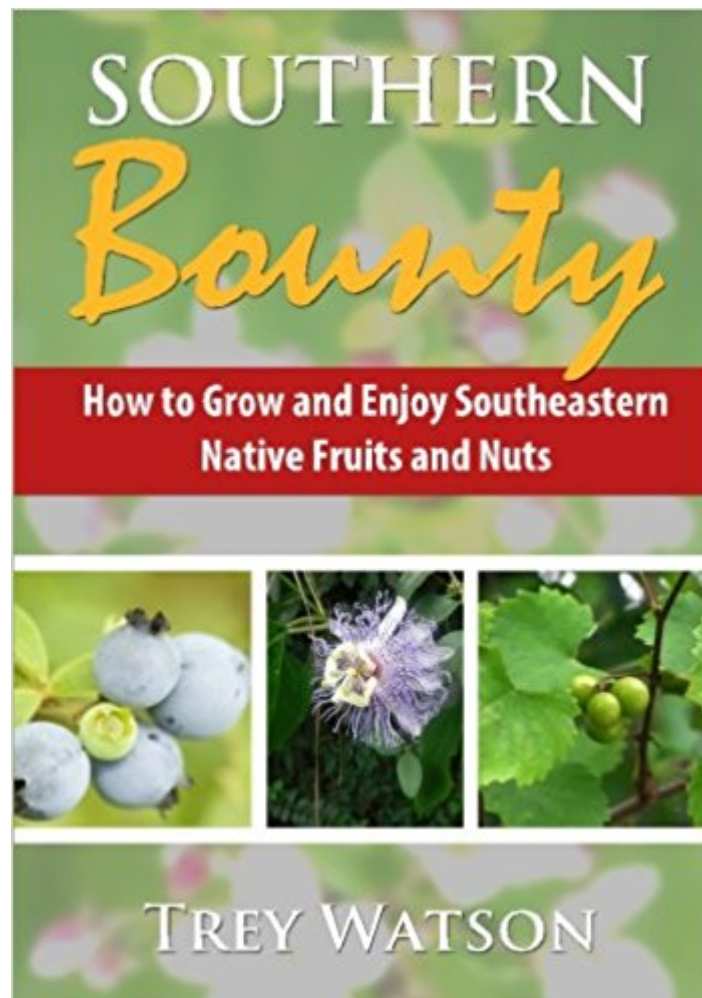




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Southern Bounty: How To Grow And Enjoy Southeastern Native Fruits And Nuts



Synopsis

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- customer review Southern Bounty explores the diverse native fruit and nut-bearing plants that grow wild in the southeastern United States. It is a handbook for gardeners who want to cultivate these plants for food and beauty and for those who want to preserve these plants for future generations. Included in this book about native plants: Black Walnuts Serviceberry Mayhaw Pawpaw Wild Plum Plus many more. Each chapter includes historical information on the specific plant covered by the chapter, along with growing, harvesting, propagation, and harvest preservation information. The southeastern United States is full of wild, native fruits and nuts that have provided generations of native peoples and settlers with sustenance and flavor. Southern Bounty explores the beauty and wonder of these native plants.

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Customer Reviews

First of all, Southern Bounty is a FANTASTIC book that fills a previously vacant niche. It's not the "same old thing" by a long shot--there just are not very many books on the subject of native fruits in the USA, let alone one specifically geared to the South. I've traipsed around in the woods on the heels of local experts as much as I could in pursuit of knowledge of the native plants, trees and shrubs in the past decade, and still learned a lot from this book. The descriptions of growth habit and propagation are unique too--it makes the possibility of growing some of these (my yard won't hold them all!) at home for the fruit and nuts they produce increase a hundredfold. It's also made me

realize the likelihood of successfully transplanting some of the large pecan "volunteers" in my yard to a more desirable location isn't very high and I can, with clear conscience, just dig them up and dispose of them. While this book is very, very good and fills a niche that no other book has occupied, it's not absolutely perfect for someone like me. I'm a novice at recognizing many of these plants in the wild. I love the closeup photos of the fruit and leaves, but...there is more to recognizing the plants than just that. I'd love to see another edition that showed photos of the entire plant, as it grows, and since wild plants often assume different growth forms, it would likely need several photos of this nature to properly illustrate the vine, shrub, or tree. It's also not all inclusive. There is nothing about the American Chestnut (yes, I know it was almost wiped out by the blight) or the chinquapin. I know I have been shown three different types of "blueberries" that are still somewhat mystifying to me--the lowbush, which grows only to about 12" tall, the "regular" which is what he describes in the book, and the "high bush" which grows on a large shrub or small tree, clings to the tree most of the winter, and is incredibly seedy. I also know that there is a species that closely resembles the blueberry, but tastes absolutely awful--the gallberry (it got its name from that "amazing" flavor). While the book is great, you still can't go hiking through the few stands of native woods that still exist (much of the South has been the victim of pine plantations and wood pulp farms) and easily identify these vines, trees, and shrubs if you are not familiar with them already. While I would have loved for more to be included, that doesn't take away from this book. It's a great book, the best I have found so far. It's well written, and includes a lot of information. I highly recommend it.

I ordered \$200.00 dollars worth of fruit trees from Mr. Watson and his company. I ordered his book from to make sure I would have all the information I needed to grow his trees successfully. I can say with confidence that everything I thought that I needed is in this book. Knowing how I would have planted and treated my new fruit trees I may not have been successful in their survival. Now with his book and guidance, I'm positive that my new fruit trees will be properly taken care of?

The author provides both general information and specific requirements of more than a dozen fruit- or nut-bearing natives.

This is the best written book on cultivating native species that I have ever had the pleasure to read. It is very interesting to learn about the American history of the species, then how to grow them for maximum production. It doesn't end there though. Some great-sounding recipes give suggestions

on preparing your Southern Bounty for a feast. This is a good reference book for the non-gardener too and could be used as a species identifier when travelling the open areas of the Southeast U.S. Great job, Trey

I really enjoyed the book and look forward to get growing! The information is well presented and an easy read.

Really well done, great info on how to plant, and good pictures of the different shrubs and trees. Really enjoyed what wildlife would benefit from these native tree's and shrubs! What a difference we could make by planting one or more of these in each of our back yards!!! Many birds are in decline without these much needed food sources! Plus many taste great to us as well!

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