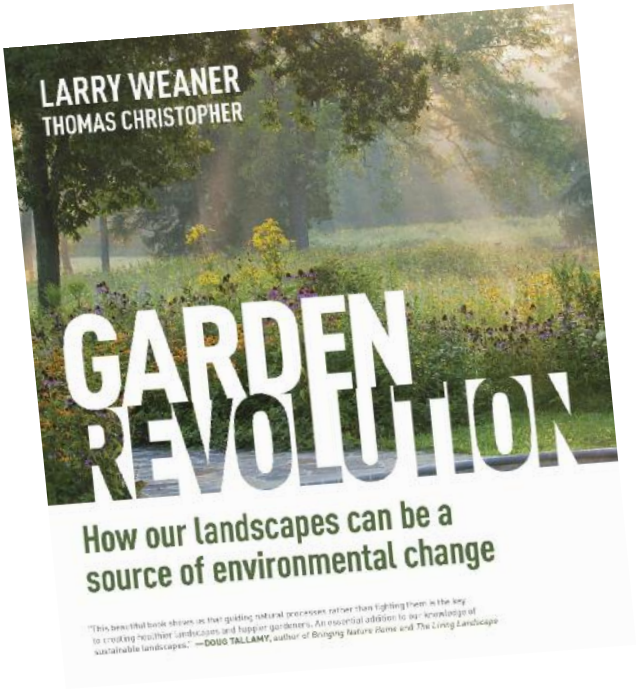


# *Garden Revolution: How Our Landscapes Can Be a Source of Environmental Change*

**Larry Weaner and Thomas Christopher**

Timber Press, 133 SW 2nd Avenue, Suite 450, Portland, Oregon 97204; Cloth, 300 pp; 2016; http://www.timberpress.com/books/garden_revolution/weaner/9781604696165; US$39.95, ISBN 9781604696165; 8.5 in × 10 in, 71 color photos, 9 illustrations.

*Garden Revolution* by Larry Weaner and Thomas Christopher is both a delightful read and a fact-filled guide to ecological landscaping. Their landscape design philosophy: Work in partnership with ecological processes to shape the trajectory of each landscape project. Accordingly, the book discusses relevant ecological principles such as initial floristic composition, ecoregions, plant communities, and succession. The authors build upon that foundation by outlining landscape design, installation, and maintenance practices that cleverly improve the likelihood of success while also reducing the amount of labor involved. Many of these practices are in direct opposition to conventional horticultural approaches, such as weeding, fertilizing, and irrigating. The authors explain how to successfully incorporate vulnerable species into deer-infested sites, how to take advantage of subtle differences among plant species to successfully control invasives, and how to edit natural landscapes. The book concludes with step-by-step instructions for creating meadows, shrublands, and forests. If there is a hotbed of controversy in our profession, it must surely be the dispute over locally native plants and cultivars. In an inspiring and inclusive way, the authors show us how and why, over the years, one landscape architect has increasingly come to rely on the use of ecotypes, seeing plant species not merely as objects that must conform to certain height and color requirements but as genetic resources and actual partners in the design and maintenance process. Peppered with case studies from Weaner's own practice and beautifully illustrated with 71 pages of color photographs from actual projects, this volume is a valuable resource for landscape architects, contractors, nurserymen, and homeowners alike.

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