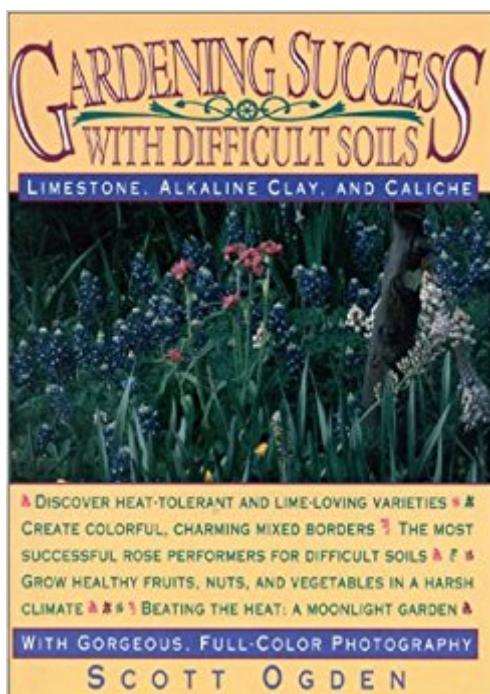


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# Gardening Success With Difficult Soils: Limestone, Alkaline Clay, And Caliche Soils



## **Synopsis**

Everything you need to know to garden in difficult soils. Includes descriptions of heat-tolerant and lime-loving plant varieties and gardening to attract wildlife: butterflies, hummingbirds, and ticklebees.

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## **Customer Reviews**

One of the greatest frustrations to new gardeners or newcomers to any region is discovering that one's favorite plants refuse to thrive. All the gardening hints in the world don't seem to help when your soil is the consistency of adobe bricks. Ogden's book is especially appropriate for those living in the Southwestern United States, but there are plenty of other areas with difficult soils and harsh climates. He covers various methods of soil improvement, but more importantly, describes and specifies what plants prefer these conditions. There is no one-time treatment to cure a calcareous soil, but there are plenty of alkaline-tolerant plants available. Ogden advises on fruits and vegetables, trees, annuals, and biennial flowering plants, vines, ground covers, shade-loving plants, attracting wildlife, and even night-blooming plants for fragrant summer evenings. Recommended. (Illustrations not seen.)-- Katharine Galloway Garstka, Intergraph Corp., Huntsville, Ala. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.

"It's a rewarding read" (Scott Ogden)

I'm part way through this book and am finding it very interesting so far. I particularly like that the

author lives and gardens in Texas so he knows what we have to cope with here and which plants can handle the various very different types of soil. Will update with a few more thoughts on the content once I finish the book.

Living in central OK, I have a wealth of problem areas on the property, from loose, silty soil to hard, compacted red clay, with an underlying belt of hard caliche under it all. I bought the book to help me select the proper plants for the worst of these conditions, and I've been pleased with it. It's not a be-all and end-all solution, but few things are when faced with the challenges of growing in the Oklahoma climate and soil conditions. I'm a very experienced gardener (a certified CA Master Gardener) and all I can say is that it can be . . . challenging, at best. All in all, I'm finding the book helpful and I'm glad I bought it. It's well written and easy to understand, and the sections are clearly defined. It does not take a Master Gardener to use it, but is suitable for all levels of experience.

I have clay soil and wanted to figure out what to do when setting up my first garden. I plan on ordering top soil for my vegetable garden but was able to learn what plants will go best in my flower beds.

A must have garden book for all of us who struggle with plants that struggle with their soils. The book recommends the right ways of amending soils such as caliche and clays so that vegetables and plants can produce viable crops and beautiful flowers. A terrific book!

I live in New Mexico. All the information I have found on the web about caliche soils has advised me to "get rid of it". This is stuff from master gardener websites, including some local websites! I simply don't have the funds or the muscle to dig out my entire yard and replace it with purchased bagged soil. I stumbled on this book by accident and I'm very happy with my purchase. The pages are filled with text and pictures. There are many examples of gorgeous plants in this book, in color. I'm confident that I will find something to grow in my yard.

Good book, not exactly very suitable for AZ, Phoenix in terms of plants, still gave me some useful information.

One of the most comprehensive books for the problem I've bought 2 They are paperbacks and tend to fall apart

I live on calcareous soil. This book has validated my experience and suggested ways to garden more effectively.

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