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The 15000 plants featured in this encyclopedia have been selected by consultants from the UK, North America and Europe. They include not only tried and tested garden favourites, but also a selection of unusual species and cultivars. The plants are arranged alphabetically by botanical name. Common names are cross-referenced throughout, enabling plants to be found easily, even if the botanical name is unfamiliar. Synonyms are similaly cross-referenced. The introduction describes and explains the A-Z section, including detailed features on the plant kingdom, plant nomenclature, types and shapes. Basic concepts of hardiness, cultivation and propogation are set out in straightforward language. The A-Z section consists of individual descriptions of 15000 plants. Plants are arranged alphabetically by botanical name, with an introduction for each genus, as well as background data on the botanical family, geographical origin, native habitat, the range of plants within the genus and any unusual qualities. Symbols show the basic shape of all treees featured, while more detailed illustrations help to explain the range of flower shapes, leaf types and habitats within a particular group.

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Collecting contributions from 100 distinguished horticulturists, the handsome and lavishly illustrated *Royal Horticultural Society A-Z Encyclopedia of Garden Plants* is a truly definitive gardening reference. With its 1,092 tiny-print pages, this may not be the book to tuck into your pocket as you weed and mulch, but what this encyclopedia lacks in portability, it certainly makes up for in scope. Hardy and tender plants, heirloom varieties and the latest hybrids--they're all accounted for here, with growing tips and background information about native habitats and ornamental features. You'll also find a fascinating section about botany, as well as information about basic gardening techniques such as mulching, staking, pruning, propagating and protecting plants for winter. But the encyclopedia's main attraction is the individual plant entries--more than 15,000 of them, embellished with 6,000 full-colour photographs and illustrations. From the visual glossary of leaves to the map of growing regions, the *Royal Horticultural Society A-Z of Garden Plants* provides an unsurpassed wealth of botanical information, making it the yardstick by which all other gardening references must be measured.

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