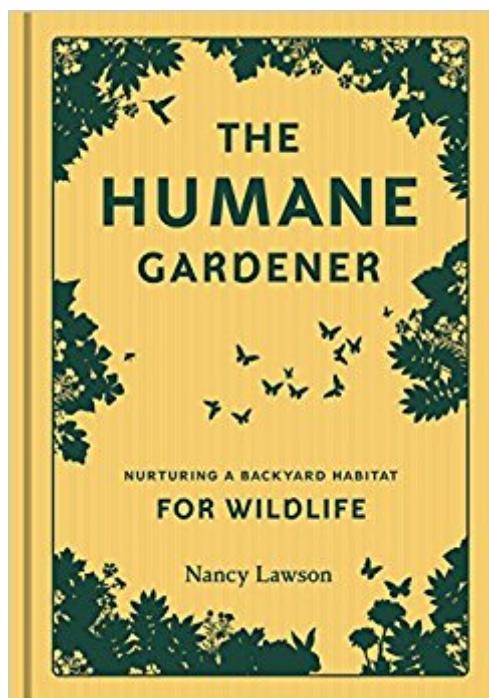


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# The Humane Gardener: Nurturing A Backyard Habitat For Wildlife



## Synopsis

In this eloquent plea for compassion and respect for all species, journalist and gardener Nancy Lawson describes why and how to welcome wildlife to our backyards. Through engaging anecdotes and inspired advice, profiles of home gardeners throughout the country, and interviews with scientists and horticulturalists, Lawson applies the broader lessons of ecology to our own outdoor spaces. Detailed chapters address planting for wildlife by choosing native species; providing habitats that shelter baby animals, as well as birds, bees, and butterflies; creating safe zones in the garden; cohabiting with creatures often regarded as pests; letting nature be your garden designer; and encouraging natural processes and evolution in the garden. The Humane Gardener fills a unique niche in describing simple principles for both attracting wildlife and peacefully resolving conflicts with all the creatures that share our world.

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"Each year opossums, often seen as nasty nuisances, helpfully ingest thousands of disease causing ticks. That's just one of the good-to-know facts in Nancy Lawson's book, *The Humane Gardener*, which reveals how you can make your private green patch a safe haven for all creatures." -O: The Oprah Magazine "[W]e give Lawson a lot of credit for writing a very important book that everyone with a container gardener to a postage stamp yard to a large piece of property should read..Lawson's passionate plea to be humane includes practical and low cost solutions to enable us to cohabitate peacefully with wildlife in our yards." -The Plain Dealer "With this guidebook

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Nancy Lawson is a writer, editor, and naturalist, and the founder of Humane Gardener, an outreach initiative to help people live in harmony with the animals in their backyards. She writes the "Humane Backyard" column for All Animals magazine, published by the Humane Society of the United States. Prior to being a freelance writer and consultant, she worked for 15 years as an editor on Humane Society publications.

I highly recommend this beautifully written book that provides gardeners with a different way to view their outdoor spaces. Through profiles of gardeners from across the country, Lawson helps us to understand how we can transform our gardens into beautiful spaces that will attract and sustain flora and fauna. The profiles and anecdotes are accompanied by gorgeous photographs. I found the "Getting Started" section of the book to be particularly helpful in finding local resources.

Informational and inspirational, this is a beautiful read about accepting and encouraging the life around us. Nice photos and a very readable style.

Really great book. It'll make you rethink everything you've been doing in your garden so you can provide for a multitude of animals and insects in your yard and know why it's so valuable to do so. Highly recommend this to everyone that is interested in gardening and/or wildlife.

This is a wonderful book! It will make you rethink what you do in your yard and how you treat animals, birds and insects. The author and the others in the book truly live and take care of nature. Easy to read and the pictures are great. Good references for more information at the back of the

book.

Anyone that calls themselves a gardener, needs to read this book. It has changed my perspective on so much about my gardens, the plants I use and what I do with untouched spaces. The book is written in a clear and entertaining way, you learn a lot without feeling like you are being lectured. It brought a lot of 'aha' moments to me. So much so, that I've even let the pokeweeds have a spot in the garden!

The title says it all. Love the book. I'm glad it will be in my library and help in the planning of my garden that will hopefully help all creatures who venture in for good food and a place to find rest.

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Fun and interesting read -- lots of information. Stunning pictures!

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