

### **The Magical World of Moss Gardening**

Anne Martin

Timber Press, Oregon, USA, 2015

This book covers the essentials for creating an extraordinary moss garden – a quote from the book:

*Mosses offer visual delights and tactile pleasures; they stoke our imagination and our memories; they connect us to earlier peoples and moss gardeners around the globe; they have countless environmental advantages and medicinal uses; and they are simply a joy to garden with.'*

The photographs in the book are stunning – if you would like to know about the botany, natural history of mosses, and how to incorporate them in a garden – this will be an interesting and valuable read.

### **Plants for Australian Dry Gardens**

Water-efficient plants for drought-proof gardening.

Marcelle Nankervis

Murdock Books Pty Ltd, 2008

There is now, with extreme global climatic changes, the need to garden smartly.

This book provides information on over 600 indigenous and exotic plants that are water-efficient and useful for drought-proofing gardens. Information on each plant, growth habits and preferred aspect provide detail for choosing water efficient plants best suited to one's climate and garden. Good photos are included.

### **The Flower Chain**

The Early Discovery of Australian Plants

Jill, Duchess of Hamilton and Julia Bruce

Kangaroo Press, Australia, 2009

This book is well constructed and researched and easy to read. It is in chronological order and traces the European discovery of Australia, touching on the earliest recorded European landfall 1606 (no observations of flora) to Mathew Flinders circumnavigation of Australia in 1801-02. The emphasis of the book, as the title suggests, is the discovery of plants in Australia.

A bit about the authors: Just who is Jill, Duchess of Hamilton – a former Australian journalist, environmentalist and conservationist, thrice married and for a short time to the Duke of Hamilton. Rather a socialite in England – however undertook a Masters and a Ph.D.

Julia Bryce studied geology at university and spent many years working in the history of science.

### **Birds of Canberra Gardens**

Canberra Ornithologists Group, Canberra 2009

Just a reminder for those Guides who may be wishing to know more about, or refreshing their knowledge of birds in the Canberra area that this is a book well worth browsing. The book has great photographs and narratives on the birds.