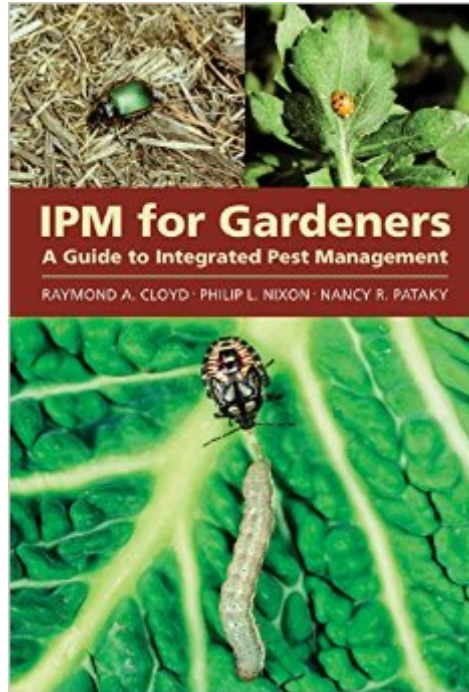


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# IPM For Gardeners: A Guide To Integrated Pest Management



## Synopsis

Since the publication of *Silent Spring* in 1962, interest in alternative pest-management strategies has increased dramatically. As a way to reduce the use of pesticides and keep plants healthy, integrated pest management (IPM) has evolved to emphasize prevention, early diagnosis (or "scouting"), and long-term control strategies -- not quick fixes. Many nurseries, land-use agencies, and public gardens now require the use of IPM as an intelligent, real-world system to raise plants in an environmentally responsible manner. Despite a plethora of technical IPM training manuals, no book until now has distilled its core philosophy for the home gardener, so that he or she can learn to manage plant health as the professionals do, based on scientific principles. In *IPM for Gardeners*, a team of experts explains how any gardener can use IPM techniques for success at home. Authoritative, well-illustrated, and packed with case studies, this volume promises to change the way we see our gardens.

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Well - it is my fault that I ordered this book - especially after seeing black & white photos during the "look inside" feature. This just didn't make me realize how important color photos are when determining affects of disease and insects on plants, etc. So buyer beware, the cover is in color, but the 32 pages of plates are all black and white poor quality reproductions at that. The original plates were in color - this apparently is a "hybrid" cheap repro of a UK "out of print" book. I almost sent it back, I was so dismayed, but I am keeping it for a little more info that I may not have on hand. I

must add that the author points out issues with trees and plants that I have not seen in other books, so the color photos would have been very important for me to understand what was being discussed; as you just cannot discern in the B&W photos....Lesson learned....and I might add - WAY overpriced for B&W. It gets a 2 since I can still use it for something...

This book has been recommended in many Master Gardener training course throughout the country. For gardeners who want to conduct their hobby in a responsible, sustainable manner, this book provides a middle ground between two polar-opposite gardening philosophies--organic vs conventional practices (insecticides, herbicides, fungicides)

The Look Inside feature does NOT represent the book that you will receive. "Look Inside" has color plates of insects but the printed book is all black and white and the photos are almost worthless! Thus the 1 star. This book provides an academic background on IPM. Maybe 20% is actionable content for the home gardener. It would be a worthwhile reference in a shelf of books on IPM but don't expect much in the way of practical techniques. If it was in color, I'd give it 3 stars for home gardeners trying to implement IPM.

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