

New trees merit mention in *Western Garden Book*

Hot off the press, the ninth edition of the *Sunset Western Garden Book*



Jim McCausland, Senior Editor, top right, confers with Keith Warren and Nancy Buley in the early stages of development of the essential guide to gardening in the West.

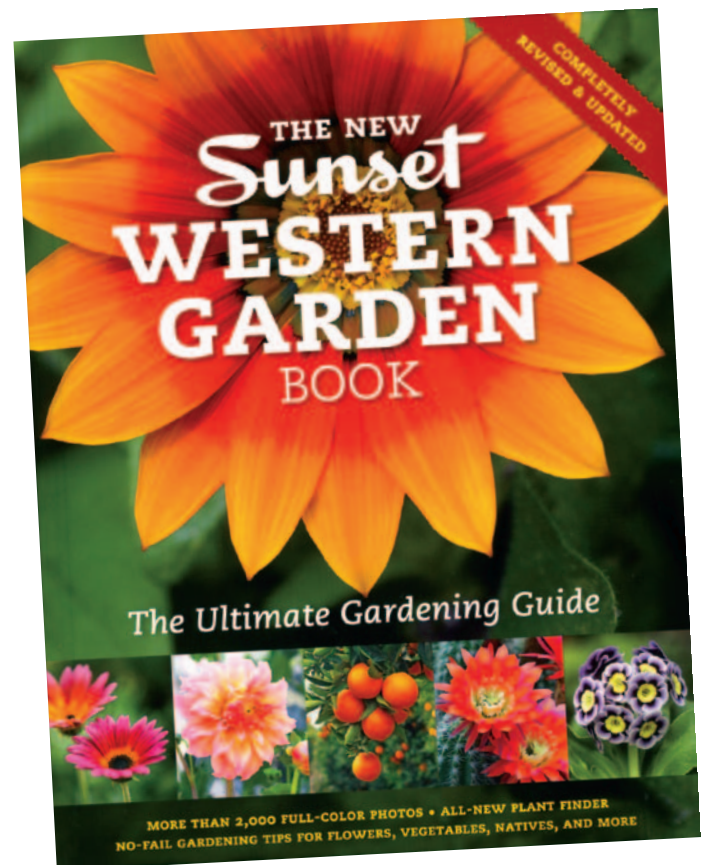
features some of our newest tree introductions. More than two dozen cultivars, including Redpointe® Maple and Royal Raindrops® Crabapple, are among

the many trees added since the last edition was published in 2007.

Trusted by generations of Western gardeners for 80 years, the legendary garden “bible” has been updated and redesigned. Featured within its 768 pages are more than 2,000 photographs and an encyclopedia of more than 9,000 plants.

Just over a year ago, Sunset Senior Editor Jim McCausland spent most of a day at the nursery, working with us to pare down the previous edition’s tree list in order to add new trees that are better suited for contemporary Western landscapes.

We’re delighted that so many of our newer introductions made the grade. For years to come, they will be recommended to hundreds of thousands of gardeners who turn to this trusted gardening resource. A sampler is listed here, with comments from the Sunset editing team, recommending their use in landscapes across the West.



The new *Sunset Western Garden Book* is available at bookstores and fine garden centers, from online booksellers, and at www.sunset.com/wgb



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Notable Quotes from Sunset

Royal Raindrops®

Crabapple is named on the ornamental crabapple list of



“Top Picks to Grow.” Notes tell of “bright rose-colored flowers” and say “purple cutleaf foliage has excellent

disease resistance.”

Redpointe® Maple “grows quickly into a 45-ft.-tall, 30-ft.-wide pyramid with green leaves that turn bright red in autumn.”



Golden Colonnade® Ginkgo is recommended as “rather narrow.”

Presidential Gold® Ginkgo is described as “broadly oval.”

Exclamation™ Planetree (‘Morton Circle’) is called “an upright grower to 50 ft. tall, 30 ft. wide; resists anthracnose.”

Mountain Sentinel® Aspen is “very narrow and upright at 35 ft. tall and just 8 ft. wide after 30 years.”



hardiness and recommended for Sunset Zone 2. “To 25 ft. tall, 15 ft. wide. Good orange-red fall color.



Prairie Gold® Aspen “was bred to tolerate lowland conditions and resist disease.”

Pink Flair® Cherry is singled out for its superior

Forest Green® Oak “grows 50 ft. tall, 30 ft. wide, with beautiful, upright oval symmetry.”



Crimson Spire™ Oak has reddish fall color and good mildew resistance.”

Green Whisper® Bald Cypress “has very soft-textured, bright green foliage.”

