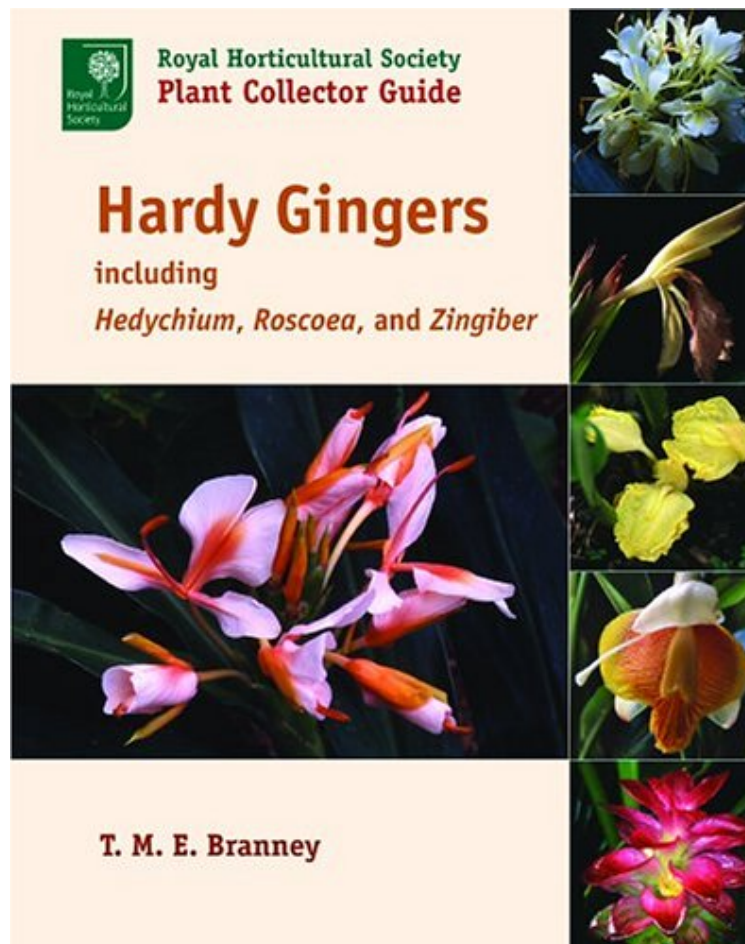


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T. M. E. Branney : **Hardy Gingers: Including Hedychium, Roscoea, and Zingiber (Royal Horticultural Society Plant Collector Guide)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hardy Gingers: Including Hedychium, Roscoea, and Zingiber (Royal Horticultural Society Plant Collector Guide):

17 of 17 people found the following review helpful. Not totally accurate, but the best available.By DaveWhen I first heard about this new ginger book and saw the negative comments on GardenWeb, I was in no hurry to get it. Several people said much of it was obviously taken from my own website. But recently when ordering another book, I needed something else to bring the order to \$25 for the free shipping.I was pleasantly surprised! This is a pretty darn good job at describing hardy gingers for the temperate or sub tropical garden. Some of the cultivars had to come from my

website but there was also a lot of original research and solid information from other sources. Much of it is slanted toward the UK/British climate, but also for gardeners in the southern USA. I can now recommend this book to anyone interested in collecting and growing gingers, including Costaceae (spiral gingers) as well as Zingiberaceae (true gingers). 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Eugene G. Hinson 3 Nice reference guide. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Very good By Gwg Buckens Very good book and very good services of . Arrived in excellent shape!! Book promised a lot and it's true it's one of the best books I've read of Gingers. The information is complete and gives you an idea what to expect from a certain plant. For me it's a kind of "bible" for the plants I wish to buy. I can recommend this book to everyone who loves gingers!! Gr. Miranda

Flamboyant members of the family Zingiberaceae---including Hedychium, Curcuma, Roscoea, and Zingiber---are once again on the wanted list as people discover their intricately constructed flowers, beautiful perfumes, and lush foliage. Although the majority of gingers originate in the tropics, a substantial number come from temperate zones or high altitudes and are perfectly at home in the temperate garden. These hardy gingers are the primary subject of this book. In the wild, gingers fit a variety of ecological niches, and diversity is the key to their success in the garden. They make dramatic focal points in tropical-style plantings but can look equally impressive in traditional herbaceous borders, woodland settings, rock gardens, water gardens and containers. Branney charts the history of gingers from their 19th-century heyday through modern-day hybridization programmes to the latest introductions of new species. A comprehensive plant directory ranges wide in its coverage. Valuable cultivation advice includes techniques for breaking dormancy, maintaining soil nutrition, and understanding individual plants' hardiness requirements. Captivating photographs complement the descriptions and convey the distinctive charms of these irresistible plants. This book brims with new finds that will tempt newcomers, delight enthusiasts, and ensure hardy gingers a place in every 21st-century garden.

From Booklist With more than 1,400 species, gingers are one of the largest groups of flowering plants in the world, and are found in climates as diverse as Iceland and Israel. Now, thanks to improved hybridization techniques that make them even more adaptable to temperature extremes, these vibrant and dramatic plants are enjoying a level of horticultural interest not seen since their glory days as the centerpieces of Victorian hothouses. Ranging in size from tiny groundcovers to towering treelike specimens in colors that span the spectrum, gingers' versatility makes them suitable for practically any garden design. From classification and ecology to propagation and morphology, the rudiments of ginger cultivation are covered in the book's opening chapters, with particular attention paid to gingers' culinary and medicinal applications. Branney then presents an encyclopedic analysis of approximately 300 varieties of gingers hardy in the temperate zones of the U.S., a relatively narrow climatological range that still yields a wide array of gardening opportunities. Carol Haggas Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved From classification and ecology to propagation and morphology, the rudiments of ginger cultivation are covered in the book's opening chapters, with particular attention paid to gingers' culinary and medicinal applications. Branney then presents an encyclopedic analysis of approximately 300 varieties of gingers hardy in the temperate zones of the U.S., a relatively narrow climatological range that still yields a wide array of gardening opportunities. -- Carol Haggas "Booklist" (05/17/2005) From the Author T. M. E. Branney is co-owner of The Europa Nursery which specializes in rare, temperate-woodland plants.