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Garden Plants for Mediterranean Climates Crowood Press A lavish guide to planning, planting, and maintaining a Mediterranean garden, featuring an A-Z of more than 1,000 plants and 500 color photos. No image of the Mediterranean is complete without flowering climbers, colorful shrubs, or lush gardens. Now you can enjoy Mediterranean plants in your own garden. With sections on specific plants and general care, *Garden Plants for Mediterranean Climates* will help you to choose and grow the region's most beautiful plants. This book includes: an introduction to Mediterranean climate and points to consider when planning a garden; key features of a Mediterranean garden, including climbing plants, palms, pots, and pergolas; advice on watering and soil care; ideas on which plants to use where; an A to Z of more than 1,000 plants; and 500 gorgeous color photos. **The Dry Gardening Handbook Plants and Practices for a Changing Climate** Making a garden that can withstand summer drought without irrigation is the dream of many who wish to garden in harmony with the environment. In this classic work on gardening in dry climates, first published in 2008, Olivier Filippi offers practical advice to achieve this goal based on his, and his wife Clara's, experience of working with Mediterranean-region plants for more than 30 years. The first part of the book examines the behavior of plants that face drought in their natural habitat. What is drought and how do plants manage to survive when little water is available? The second part is concerned with gardening techniques in a dry climate. How do you prepare the soil, when do you plant, and how do you maintain a dry garden? The third and longest part describes in detail no less than 500 rewarding plants that are well-adapted to dry gardens, each classified by a unique dry resistance code. The *Dry Gardening Handbook* is essential reading for gardeners who live in one of the world's Mediterranean climate zones and will also be of interest to gardeners in areas where drought is becoming a recurring problem. **Mediterranean Gardening A Waterwise Approach** Univ of California Press A large-format, beautifully illustrated, complete guide to gardening in a California and Mediterranean-like climates, defined as ones in which winters are wet and summers are bone dry. **Plant Life in the World's Mediterranean Climates California, Chile, South Africa, Australia, and the Mediterranean Basin** Univ of California Press Here is a wonderful overview of the landscape and vegetation of the five regions of the world that have a Mediterranean climate. In addition to the Mediterranean Basin itself, this climate of mild, rainy winters and dry, warm summers is found in California and parts of Chile, South Africa, and Australia. 30 maps. 18 tables. 46 line illustrations. 75 color and 90 b&w photos. **Plants for Mediterranean Climate Gardens** Rosenberg Pub Pty Limited A broad introduction to the Mediterranean gardening tradition. It offers a private view; one that encourages exploration of the vast world of plants and the equally diverse design options that can be drawn on by gardeners who work their magic in Mediterranean climes everywhere. Trevor Nottle has an international reputation as a writer and lecturer and is also well known as a garden historian. **Plants for Mediterranean Climate Gardens** Rosenberg Pub Pty Limited A broad introduction to the Mediterranean gardening tradition. 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He gives the individual requirements of common garden vegetables and popular fruit trees and provides a calendar that describes how to care for the kitchen garden through the gardening year. Explaining how to meet the particular challenges of growing edible plants in a hot, dry climate, with advice on matters such as irrigation, the book will be useful for those who live in a Mediterranean area or find themselves gardening in ever-hotter, dry climates. But it is also abundant in expertise on gardening in other climatic conditions, too, and is available here to an English-speaking audience for the first time. **The Mediterranean Gardener** Barrons Educational Series Incorporated **Bringing the Mediterranean Into Your Garden How to Capture the Natural Beauty of the Mediterranean Garrigue** Mediterranean landscapes are extraordinarily beautiful: alternating mounds of silver and green, textured leaves, flashes of color and intoxicating scents combine to delight the senses and rival any cultivated garden. Olivier explains how to capture the look, based on decades of experience. Mediterranean plants are diverse and adapted to a wide range of environments and weather conditions. They are of course ideally suited to regions which experience long periods of seasonal drought but many will also withstand periods of high rainfall and extreme cold making this essential reading for temperate-zone gardeners seeking the Mediterranean look. Some understanding of plant ecology is essential for success and Filippi shares his expert knowledge acquired from decades of research. How a plant interacts with its environment, other plants, and other living things indicates what it needs to flourish in a garden setting. Filippi's pioneering approach makes for a much closer relationship between gardener and nature that puts few demands on natural resources. **Planting Design for Dry Gardens Beautiful, Resilient Groundcovers for Terraces, Paved Areas, Gravel and Other Alternatives to the Lawn** First published in French as *Alternatives au gazon* in 2011. **Reimagining the California Lawn Water-conserving Plants, Practices, and Designs** "Reimagining the California Lawn" features water-conserving plants from around the world and offers design ideas and practical solutions to help you create a vibrant garden that complements our mediterranean climate. From greenswards and meadows to succulentand kitchen gardens, this book presents alternatives to the traditional lawn that can reduce water use, beautify the landscape, and attract birds and butterflies. The authors of "Reimagining the California Lawn"—Carol Bornstein, David Fross, and Bart O'Brien—are visionary horticulturists who wrote the award-winning book "California Native Plants for the Garden." With this new publication, they share their passion for water-wise plants and landscapes to help Californians discover the many possibilities and pleasures that come with reimagining the lawn. If you are thinking about removing or reducing your lawn, this inspiring book is the perfect companion to help you begin the process. Its detailed text provides information about how to plan, install, and maintain an attractive landscape that can replace your lawn and describes hundreds of water-thrifty plants from California and other mediterranean climates of the world. "Reimagining the California Lawn" is illustrated with more than 300 color photographs and offers a variety of plant palettes to choose from as you begin the process of creating a more sustainable landscape. **Plants and Landscapes for Summer-dry Climates of the San Francisco Bay Region** Ebmud Water Conservation MS 48 Gardening. Environmental Studies. Photographs by Saxon Holt. Illustrations by Richard Pembroke. This lavishly illustrated book celebrates the challenges and opportunities of gardening in Mediterranean climates, with special reference to northern California's San Francisco Bay Region. The core of the book is a catalog of more than 650 plants suited to regions with mild, usually wet winters and dry, often hot summers. These plants thrive with moderate to no summer irrigation when established, require little or no maintenance, and are reasonably available from nurseries, botanic gardens, native plant sales, or specialty seed suppliers. Many of the 542 color photographs show plants in garden settings to suggest attractive and compatible plant combinations. Summary charts provide information on each plant, such as bloom time, needs for water and sun, and preferences for coastal or inland microclimates. Lists suggest plants for special situations, such as hot sites, dryish shade, small gardens, and clay soils. Chapters on landscape design and maintenance inspire readers to make gardens that use little water and no harmful chemicals, with a focus on building healthy soil. Practical steps to successful design are supplemented with ideas for designing with microclimate, attracting wildlife, and fire safety. Sidebars by local experts discuss weather, natural landscapes, design solutions, and gardening with recycled water. "A valuable resource for climate-compatible gardening in the San Francisco Bay Area that will also be of interest to gardeners in other parts of the world with a similar seasonal pattern of winter rain and dry summers. This book will occupy a prominent place in my library for many years to come."—Katherine Greenberg, president Mediterranean Garden Society "This book is beautifully designed with abundant photographs of plants, many in garden settings, and it is packed with the kind of information gardeners need for their own special situations. Simply stunning! Bravo!"—Phyllis M. Faber, editor University of California Press **Making a Garden on a Greek Hillside** The hillsides of Attica are stony and arid. Over-grazed in the past by goats and sheep, they have few trees and are covered in dense, pickly scrub. Relentless sun and often strong winds prevail for five months of the year, and in the spring and autumn months the miracle of the extraordinary variety and beauty of the Greek flora is revealed to the discerning eye. It was on such a hillside that the author, a Harvard University professor chose to make a garden. This book is the story of the making of that garden and a distillation of what she learnt and observed about the plants - both native and introduced - she grew there, a book which she wrote to assist other people wishing to make gardens in places with a "Mediterranean climate", believing that anything that grew under the difficult conditions prevailing on this Greek hillside would be almost certain to grow better elsewhere. **Designing and Creating a Mediterranean Garden** Crowood Press You can create a truly beautiful garden using exciting and exotic plants, yet at the same time eliminate the need for extra water and reduce the maintenance required. Your garden will be lush, full of colour and interest all year round, and rather than constantly weeding, watering and working, you can relax in your own Mediterranean haven. Book jacket **Gardening with Drought-Friendly Plants** Royal Botanic Gardens Kew Gardening with Drought-Friendly Plants is an essential guide to growing and maintaining plants best suited to our changing climate of warmer, drier summers. Drawing on his two decades of experience working with drought-friendly and Mediterranean plants, gardening expert Tony Hall profiles more than two hundred species and cultivars that are suitable for all types of planting environments, whether a large outdoor plot or a small indoor pot. Hall offers tips and advice on maintenance and pruning and shows which plants can survive with minimal tending—perfect for leaving alone during a gardener's vacation. Many of the plants Hall chooses are native to Mediterranean climates and therefore well-adapted to growing in hot, dry conditions. These plants provide year-round interest in the garden through the wide varieties in their size, shade, and scent, and continue to perform during winter by way of evergreen color, silver foliage, or attractive dried seed heads. They are also perfectly suited to low water usage, something any gardener should be conscious of in a changing environment. Beautifully illustrated with more than 170 color photographs, and featuring accessible expert advice on watering, pruning, and other plant care essentials, *Gardening with Drought-Friendly Plants* is the perfect resource for patio, courtyard, or window gardener. **Create a Mediterranean Garden Planting a Low-Water, Low-maintenance Paradise - Anywhere** Lorenz Books "The traditional Mediterranean garden offers a garden that is beautiful through every season, whatever the climate, so that it can survive through the driest summers, and yet can cope with damp, rain and even frost. The low-water no-water method is for those who like their plants spirited and their flower beds exuberant. There are instructions for planting evergreens with robust, aromatic foliage, as well as low-maintenance shrubs that need no staking, watering, feeding or pruning. The book shows how tough love, not pampering, pays off, giving you a drought-proof and aromatic paradise in your own plot. Create a garden that is full of radiance and scent, with vivid flowers and foliage, and aromatic herbs - the perfect outdoor living room, whatever the weather!"—Publisher's description. **Culinary Cultivation for Southern California Gardens A Plant Guide for Food Forests in Mediterranean Climates** This book is a primer for those wanting to grow their own food while maintaining a consciousness of the water security issues in Southern California. After having spent a number of years looking for plants that provide food without needing extra water (or excessive water) in Southern California I decided that there needs to be one place to look for others to find the same information I have gathered over the years. After searching for some time, I have not been able to find a comprehensive document like this one that lists and describes culinary plants with the Mediterranean Climate and its low annual precipitation in mind. Be warned, this is not a large book, it is only 44 pages and only includes about 34 plants. **The Dry Gardening Handbook Plants and Practices for a Changing Climate** A guide to creating gardens that will thrive in the face of water shortages and dry conditions provides an A-to-Z listing of more than five hundred drought-resistant plants, shares tips for planting and maintenance, and provides hundreds of original photographs. **Mediterranean Garden Plants Australian Plants for Mediterranean Climate Gardens** Roseberg Pub Under the various headings of Groundcovers, Tufting Plants, Climbers, Shrubs and Trees over 100 very choice plants are described. Cultivation and propagation information is provided for each plant, together with suggestions for plant groupings. Basic cultivation information on container plants, pruning and shaping of plants, watering, fertilizing, mulching, and pests and diseases. **Subtropical and Dry Climate Plants** This is a unique guide to a wide range of tropical and hot-climate (also known as Mediterranean or desert) plants. The guide is arranged in three sections: a general introduction to choosing, planting, and using subtropical and hot-climate plants with particular emphasis on hardiness and overwintering the plants; the second section that comprises an A - Z plant directory, in which over 700 plants, listed by their botanical names, are treated to in-depth profiles and grouped as either trees, shrubs, perennials, climbers, palms and cycads, cacti and other succulents, or grasses and bamboos; a third section that includes plants for special uses,

and a glossary. **GARDENS OF CORFU. Architectural Plants** HarperCollins UK A definitive guide to the spectacular world of architectural plants, packed with practical advice on how to liven up your garden using the striking shapes and wonderful exoticism of this distinct new area of planting. Whether amateur or expert, this superb book is essential reading for any gardener looking for something a bit special to grow. This area of horticulture is fast becoming popular with people keen to experiment and incorporate new ideas for their gardens. Architectural plants, though unusual in appearance and often of tropical origin, prove easy to grow and maintain in this country. And most plants being evergreen, their presence in the garden is felt all year round. The book is a comprehensive guide to the broad range of architectural plants, from spiky agaves and yuccas to succulent sempervivums, dramatic palms and graceful bamboos. Packed with specialist, yet user-friendly information on soil assessment, drainage and cultivation methods, it is ideal for people who are eager to learn more about these species and how best to grow them. Architectural Plants offers a stimulating look at alternative and innovative ways to create a vibrant garden display. **The New Ornamental Garden** CSIRO PUBLISHING Shows how heat, cold, water availability, rainfall patterns, length of growing season, evaporation rate and humidity influence plant growth in Australia, from the wet sub-tropics to the temperate climate of southern Australia. **Waterwise Plants for Sustainable Gardens 200 Drought-Tolerant Choices for all Climates** Timber Press "I can't imagine a designer or avid gardener who wouldn't want this on their bookshelf." —Garden Design Online **Waterwise Plants for Sustainable Gardens** is a practical guide to the best 200 plants guaranteed to thrive in low-water gardens. Plant entries provide the common and botanical name, the regions where the plant is best adapted, growth and care information, and notes on pests and disease. This practical and inspiring guide includes a variety of plants, from trees to succulents, perennials to bulbs, all selected for their wide adaptability and ornamental value. Companion plants, creative design ideas, and full color photography make this guide a must-have resource for any sustainable gardener. **Succulents for Mediterranean Climate Gardens** Rosenberg Pub Pty Limited The author's enthusiasm for her subject is infectious. She gives tips for the successful cultivation of succulents, and information on those suitable for gardens large and small, hot, shady and frost prone, for courtyards and balconies, on types worth growing for flowers as well as shape, and suggestions for their use in parterres and patterns. The photographs illustrate many of the plants discussed both as individual specimens and as part of overall plantings. **Gardening the Mediterranean Way How to Create a Waterwise, Drought-Tolerant Garden** Harry N Abrams Incorporated Coastal gardeners throughout the United States will benefit from the advice in this practical, inspirational, and illustrated book on Mediterranean gardening, which is beautiful year-round. **Gaia's Garden A Guide to Home-scale Permaculture** Chelsea Green Publishing This extensively revised and expanded edition broadens the reach and depth of the permaculture approach for urban and suburban gardeners. The text's message is that working with nature, not against it, results in more beautiful, abundant, and forgiving gardens. **A Pelion Garden Turning Bare Ground Into Paradise in Mediterranean Greece** I certainly am stretching myself as a gardener. Having spent twenty years in cool, dark basements, working as a sound engineer, I finally came up into the light and discovered the great outdoors. I never had a large garden before, but now I have one and I spend as much time as possible in it. It has been a huge learning curve. At first my enthusiasm for every flower and shrub ran away with me, and I planted many specimens in unsuitable locations. Some plants protested but lived on, while others endured a stressful death. I pruned away many a flower bud by not knowing when and how to tackle each plant. I drowned many more by watering them to death. It is all part of the process of becoming a gardener. In trying to learn each plant's needs and likes I had to research the internet, on-line forums, RHS encyclopaedias, and specialist books to gather all the information I could find. I wanted to know what each leaf, flower and plant looked like so I could easily identify it as it grew, and visualise how it might eventually look in my garden. Was it beautifully perfumed or did it stink? Would it attract wildlife to my garden? Would it grow in a coastal environment and cope with wind, salt and searing sunshine, and manage the occasional burial in snow? Was it used in ancient times as a poison or symbol of love? Could I touch it? Eat it? There is so much to learn and enjoy with plants. Experiment, take risks, make mistakes, have fun. Get out there and make paradise! Olivia Elliot spent ten years working on her Pelion garden in Mediterranean Greece, creating a micro-climate in which the plants could thrive. Her approach to gardening is fun and experimental, and her successes and failures are equally enjoyable to read. Everything you need to know about how to care for each plant is clearly listed, along with information about its eco-friendliness and fun facts about its historical uses. The beautiful photographs help the novice to identify each plant by leaf and flower, and understand how and where the plant can contribute to a garden. The plants featured in this book often grow equally well in temperate climates so long as they are given a warm sheltered position, and the more tender varieties are overwintered indoors or in a greenhouse. A Pelion Garden is a delight to read for gardeners everywhere, and an ideal reference book. Why not create a Pelion Garden paradise in your own garden! **Edible Forest Gardens, Volume I Ecological Vision, Theory for Temperate Climate Permaculture** Chelsea Green Publishing **Edible Forest Gardens** is a groundbreaking two-volume work that spells out and explores the key concepts of forest ecology and applies them to the needs of natural gardeners in temperate climates. Volume I lays out the vision of the forest garden and explains the basic ecological principles that make it work. **Edible Forest Gardens** offer an advanced course in ecological gardening—one that will forever change the way you look at plants and your environment. **The New Ornamental Garden** CSIRO PUBLISHING This book takes a fresh look at garden-worthy plants for Australian conditions. It will help gardeners to reappraise their climate, select appropriate plants and modify gardening practices to create beautiful gardens featuring native and exotic plants with proven drought tolerance, reliability and minimal weed potential. The **New Ornamental Garden** shows how heat, cold, water availability, rainfall patterns, length of growing season, evaporation rate and humidity influence plant growth in Australia, from the wet sub-tropics to the temperate climate of southern Australia. It also discusses the influence of microclimates within a garden: dry sun, dry shade, moist sun, moist shade, seaside conditions, exposed sites, urban situations and root competition from eucalyptus and allelopaths. The main focus of the book is the plant index, which contains notes on hundreds of plant varieties and how they function in the garden. All gardeners will benefit from reading this book! **Sun-Drenched Gardens The Mediterranean Style** Harry N Abrams Incorporated The authors introduce readers to the joys of Mediterranean gardening, featuring twenty-five gardens from France, Italy, Spain, and California that capture the sunny, terraced splendor of this ancient approach to gardening. 10,000 first printing. **The Dry Garden** Hachette UK 'I return to Beth Chatto's books constantly. For those who are new to her work, you are entering into a life-long relationship with a wise friend and gardener' Monty Don 'Invaluable to those who want to plant a trouble-free, all-year-round garden with minimum care - or watering' **FLORA** In today's climate of increasingly hot summers and dry winters, gardeners need guidance on plants that will thrive in dry conditions. In Beth Chatto's classic book, she uses plants that need very little attention and are naturally adapted to flourish in dry conditions to provide a year-round display of beautiful foliage and flowers. Drawing from her own immense experience, she provides valuable guidance on types of soil and on basic principles of design. She discusses the plants and plantings suited to dry conditions and includes a detailed list of plants, with notes and advice on their characteristics. **Ornamental Trees for Mediterranean Climates The Trees of San Diego Plants for a Changing Climate** Rosenberg Pub Pty Limited Climate change has wrought an even warmer and drier climate in those parts of the world regarded as having a Mediterranean climate. The gardener must choose plants that have adapted to growing in regions where summers are long, hot, and dry. This book reflects the changing balance of flower gardening (as well as vegetable and fruit cultivation) across the globe, as water usage comes under scrutiny. Chapters reflect on the current and emerging ideas as a response to climate change. Australian author Trevor Nottle - who has promoted a Mediterranean approach to garden design for many years - surveys many new plants that nurseries have introduced as a response to the need for plants that flourish in the sun. **Gardening in a Changing Climate** Aquamarine Our climate is in a dramatic state of flux. Weather patterns are changing and therefore the way we manage our gardens, and the potential they hold, are changing too. Global warming has brought shorter, milder winters, the early onset of spring and balmy summers to the Northern hemisphere. It has also hailed extreme and sometimes unexpected patterns, with summer storms, torrential rain and flooding. The Southern hemisphere is now more vulnerable to major droughts and severe water shortages. These new developments are accompanied by an increase in pests and diseases, shifts in animal behaviour and increased carbon dioxide levels that speeds the maturing of all plants. All together this offers a new - and potentially exciting - challenge for gardeners all around the world. This inspirational book looks at gardens in a new, more democratic way. No longer are we restricted to one specialist climate; we now have much wider access to many types of gardens and plants that we could previously only admire on holiday or from afar. The keynote approach of this unique new book is the garden styles of nine individual regions which have always dealt superbly with heat, drought and water shortage. Each one represents a part of the world with a gardening specialism that was established from its natural and specific weather patterns. All these garden styles are now open for new gardeners to sample - the Italianate Garden, the Islamic Garden, the Patio Garden, the Mediterranean Garden, the Gravel Garden, the Desert Garden, the Bush Garden, Cape Colour and the Jungle Garden. These range from the riotous colours of the Mediterranean garden and its naturally drought-proof plants, to the allure of the sun-baked Islamic garden with its creative harnessing of water and use of light and shade, and to the spiky architecture of the desert garden with its agaves, aloes, cacti and euphorbia. Each chapter explains the essence of the style, and its historical roots. Each includes a practical tutorial, a plant focus profiling characteristic plant forms, a colour planting plan and a step-by-step project. The many practical features include water-saving techniques in the garden, caring for silver-leafed plants and growing annual exotics from seed. The final chapter is a useful plant directory introducing the key plants from each region, along with cultivation and zonal information. The beautiful gardens photographed range from delightful small-scale gardens to world-famous locations such as the Tresco garden in the Isles of Scilly; the patio gardens of Cordoba, Spain; the desert gardens of Arizona; the Hamilton Gardens in New Zealand; and the Beth Chatto gravel garden in the UK. This is a critical read for any passionate gardener, offering a practical and inspirational insight into the classic gardens defined by sunshine, humidity and lack of water that will continue to inform the gardens of tomorrow. **Weather in the Garden** Timber Press (OR) It is astonishing that no such book as this has ever been published before. Both fascinating & practical, it is the only one to look at the impact of weather on plants & gardens. It looks at how heat, cold, wind, water, & drought affect plant life, & how climate both changes & is changed by local topography & soil type. **Creating a Forest Garden Working with Nature to Grow Edible Crops** Green Books **Forest Gardening** (or agroforestry) is a way of growing edible crops with nature doing most of the work. A forest garden imitates young natural woodland, with a wide range of crops grown in vertical layers. Species are chosen for their beneficial effects on each other, creating a healthy system that maintains its own fertility, with little need for digging, weeding or pest control. The result of this largely perennial planting is a tranquil, beautiful and productive space. This book is a bible for permaculture and forest gardening, with practical advice on how to create a forest garden, from planning and design to planting and maintenance. It explains how a forest garden is designed from the top down: the canopy layer first, then the shrub layer, the perennial ground-cover layer, the annuals & biennials next, the climbers and nitrogen fixers and finally the clearings, living spaces and paths. Whether in a small back garden or in a larger plot, the environmental benefits of growing this way are great. **Forest Gardens** are a viable solution to the challenge of a changing climate: we can grow food sustainably in them without compromising soil health, food quality or biodiversity. **Forest gardens:** store carbon dioxide in the soil and in the woody biomass of the trees and shrubs. enable the soil to store more water after heavy rains, minimizing flooding and erosion. boost the health of the ecosystem, ensuring a balance of predators and beneficial insects because mixed planting is crucial to the scheme. allows the soil to thrive because it is covered with plants all year round. **Creating a Forest Garden** includes a detailed directory of over 500 trees, shrubs, herbaceous perennials, annuals, root crops and climbers. As well as more familiar plants such as fig and apple trees, blackcurrants and rosemary shrubs, you can grow your own chokeberries, goji berries, yams, heartnuts, bamboo shoots and buffalo currants. **Forest gardens** produce fruits, nuts, vegetables, seeds, salads, herbs, spices, firewood, mushrooms, medicinal herbs, dye plants, soap plants, and honey from bees. This book tells you everything you need to create your own forest garden with beautiful illustrations and helpful tips throughout. **Mediterranean Ecogeography** Routledge A core textbook series that aims to provide students with accessible, up-to-date accounts of Ecogeography - the marriage of ecology with geography - in the primary terrestrial and marine environments. This is the first book in the series on Mediterranean Ecogeography. Biological diversity in the Mediterranean Basin is amongst the highest of any region on earth, both in terms of total species numbers and endemism. The flora is estimated at about 25,000 species of flowering plants and ferns, compared with about 6000 species in non-Mediterranean Europe. About 50% of these are endemic. Diversity amongst vertebrate animals is also high, though endemism rates are lower than for plants. The high levels of diversity contribute to, and are a reflection of, the considerable variability of landscape. This results from a combination of factors including geological and tectonic history, relief and physiography, climate, geomorphological processes, hydrology, soils, the incidence of fires and impact of human activities. The landscapes of the Mediterranean Basin are thus varied and fragmented; a mosaic of ecosystems and communities. **Mediterranean Ecogeography** aims to examine and explain this heterogeneity, and the approach is focused on the ecogeography of the region. Analysing the factors which account for the present distributions of plants and animals, and the functioning of ecosystems within the Mediterranean Basin can help in the understanding of the relationship between people and natural ecosystems. A key to the conservation of these ecosystems is the wise use of resources, biological and physical. In addition, it is vital to assess how the natural environments of the region will respond to further change. In the last twenty years, understanding of the functioning of Mediterranean-type ecosystems has advanced through several international projects. This book draws upon the findings of these, and other research in the Mediterranean Basin, to present a comprehensive text on a key region of the world, and the problems and prospects of its environmental exploitation.