

## Bringing Paradise Home: Create Your Own Lush Jungles and Desertsapes Presented by Bryon Jones



**Our natural world is full of amazing scenery and diverse ecosystems.** When it comes to plants each and every one finds its special place to grow. Deserts and Jungles are just two of those fantastic places we can visit and learn about. If you are looking to recreate a little of these magical places check out the suggested plants below.

### **Iconic 'Jungle' Plants to consider for your PNW garden:**

- Chinese Windmill Palm; *Trachycarpus fortunei*
- Cabbage Palm; *Cordyline australis*
- Hardy Banana; *Musa basjoo*
- Japanese Aralia cultivars; *Fatsia japonica*
- New Zealand Flax cultivars; *Phormium* spp.
- Hardy Ginger Lilies; *Hedychium* spp.
- Bamboos; many Genus and Species
- Mahonias; *Mahonia* spp.
- Any perennials or annuals you want

### **Iconic 'Desert' Plants to consider for your PNW garden:**

- Manzanitas; *Arctostaphylos* spp.
- Hardy Cacti; *Opuntia* spp.
- Yuccas; *Yucca* spp.
- Tea Trees; *Leptospermum* spp.
- Hardy Agaves; *Agave* spp. like *A. parryi*
- Hardy Aloe; *Aloe striatula*
- Sages; *Salvia* spp.
- Bottlebrush; *Callistemon* spp.
- Any perennials or annuals you want

### **Bryon's Gardening Tips:**

- Have fun gardening. Design in a way that brings you joy. Be unique, try new things...explore & learn.
- Nature often has the best tips and tricks; investigate where plants like to live in their natural habitat
- Try the same plant in several locations in your yard. Many times one spot may not work but another will
- Incorporate plants that attract pollinators into any design; watching pollinators visit can be so much fun

### **Suggested Readings:**

- Plant-Driven Design, Creating Gardens That Honor Plants, Place, and Spirit by Scott Ogden and Lauren Springer Ogden
- Agaves, Yuccas, and their Kin: Seven Genera of the Southwest by Jon L. Hawker
- How Plants Work: The Science Behind the Amazing Things Plants Do by Linda Chalker-Scott
- Trees for All Seasons: Broadleaved Evergreens for Temperate Climates by Sean Hogan

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