

How to Build a Natural Swimming Pool

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Natural swimming pools are the biggest news for gardeners since green roofs. The water is cleaned by aquatic plants instead of chlorine so it is gentle on the eyes and healthy for swimmers. These self-cleaning ecosystems are beautiful to look at and provide a valuable water source for dragonflies, honeybees and other beneficial insects. Wolfram Kircher has researched extensively into the low-nutrient-dependent plants that are needed for the surrounds of natural swimming pools and the high-nutrient dependent plants that are required for the regeneration zone. In the book he demonstrates how to maintain the nutrient level in perfect balance to keep down the algae down and water sparkling. The authors have installed pools for decades and trialled different systems and plants to come up with the best possible designs.

Wolfram Kircher is a leading international expert on natural swimming pools and teaches plant ecology at the University of Applied Sciences at Bernburg, Germany. Andreas Thon is an irrigation and water purification consultant and landscape architect who has built many natural swimming pools. Noel Kingsbury is the author of *Gardens by Design* and *The Glory of the Tree*. If you have ever tackled a DIY project for the first time, you will know that having a good set of instructions is critical if you want it to work properly and look spectacular. We get lots of enquiries from people across the world who are keen to build their own DIY swimming pond or natural swimming pool and are struggling to find comprehensive guidance and advice. We were therefore delighted when Wolfram Kircher contacted us to discuss his new book which he intended to be a definitive guide to building and planting a swimming pond. The book arrived and it did not disappoint. * *Clearwater Revival* * "It is a well laid out, detailed and useful book for anyone wanting to learn more about natural pools and I only wish I'd read it before building my own." -- Ben Law * *Permaculture Magazine* *

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