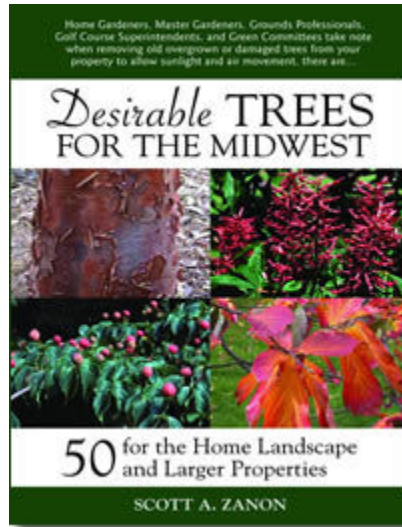


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50 Midwest trees

In 2003, Scott Zanon, an agronomist and horticulturist from Columbus, worked on the restoration of a golf course, removing overgrown trees, and realized there was no guide for what trees would allow the proper amount of sunlight for the turf.

So he decided to write "Desirable Trees for the Midwest: 50 for the Home Landscape and Larger Properties."

The introductory pages discuss golf course design and dilemmas - with some general guidelines for watering, fertilizing and staking trees, but the bulk of the book focuses on the 50 trees that thrive in Midwest conditions, with helpful tips like potential diseases, the mature size and preferable soil conditions. Along the same smart-buying lines, the back of the book lists the trees Zanon doesn't find desirable and why.

\$29.95 at Amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, and www.desirabletrees.com.

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