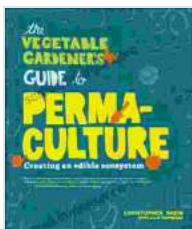


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Welcome to the captivating world of edible ecosystems, where nature's bounty unfolds in harmony with human ingenuity. In the pages of "Creating an Edible Ecosystem," renowned author and ecologist Michael Lee unveils the secrets of designing and cultivating thriving edible landscapes that nourish both the body and the soul.

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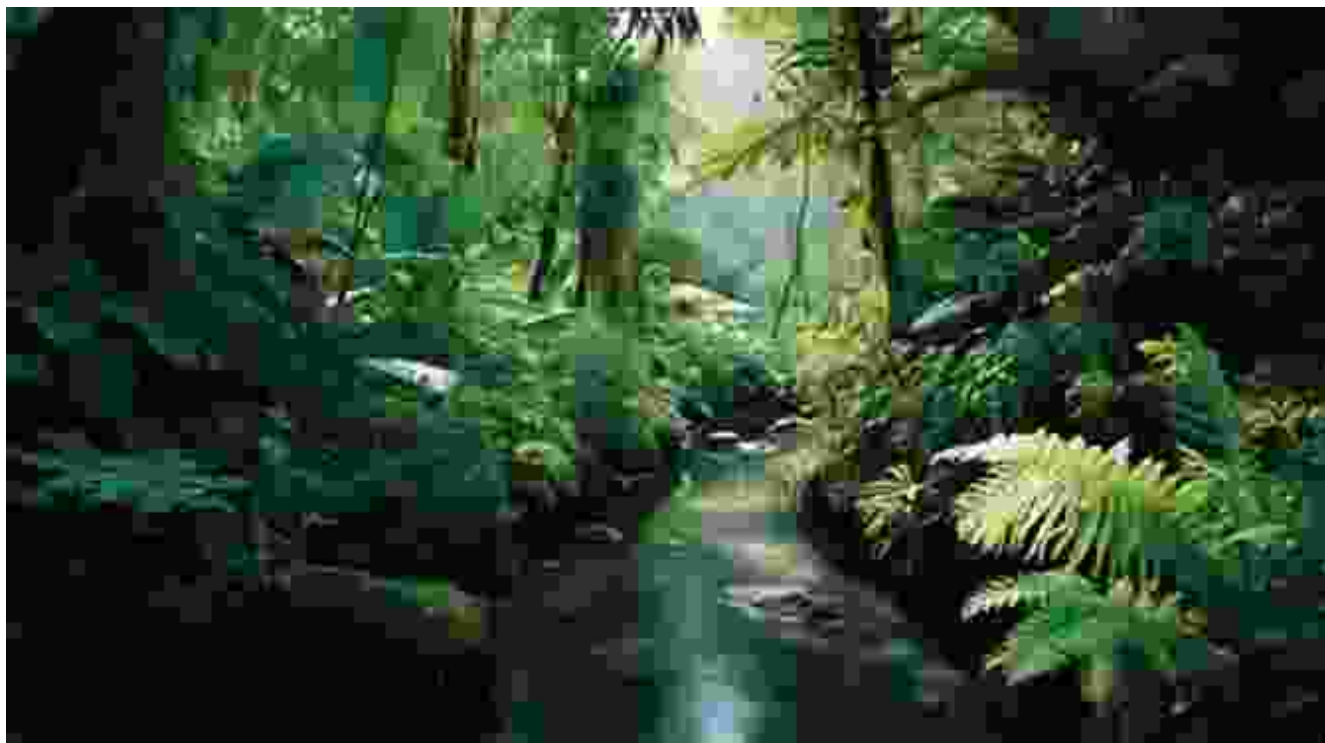
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From leafy greens and juicy berries to edible flowers and medicinal herbs, these ecosystems offer a year-round abundance of wholesome nourishment.



## **The Principles of Edible Ecosystem Design**

Lee meticulously guides us through the principles underlying the design of edible ecosystems. He delves into the importance of plant diversity, succession planning, and soil health, empowering readers with the knowledge to create resilient and productive systems.

Learn the art of companion planting, where mutually beneficial species collaborate to enhance growth and repel pests. Explore the wisdom of guilds, where interconnected plant communities provide support and protection.

biodiversity value of agriculture and to preserve vulnerable species which depend on cultural land for breeding and food.



## Creating Edible Ecosystems in Practice

"Creating an Edible Ecosystem" is not merely a theoretical treatise. Lee bridges the gap between theory and practice, providing detailed instructions for transforming a variety of spaces into edible sanctuaries.

Whether you have a backyard, balcony, or windowsill, Lee shows you how to cultivate thriving edible ecosystems that harmoniously integrate with your environment.



## **The Transformative Power of Edible Ecosystems**

Beyond their nutritional value, edible ecosystems offer a wealth of transformative benefits. They:

- Enhance biodiversity and provide vital habitat for wildlife
- Reduce environmental impact through sustainable food production
- Promote

healthier lifestyles by encouraging fresh produce consumption - Foster a deep connection with nature and a sense of stewardship

# Ecosystem Services

Ecosystem services benefit us in myriad ways.

- **Provisioning services:** drinking water, oil, and natural gas
- **Regulating services:** climate regulation, drought protection, and water purification
- **Supporting services:** nutrient cycling, photosynthesis, and soil creation
- **Cultural services:** recreation and creative inspiration

**Gross Domestic Product**  
 In 2008, the ecosystem services (ES) were an estimated \$149.81 billion for the United States. (The world total was approximately \$71.75 billion.)  
 Many services contributed approximately 78.15% of the ES.

**Drinking Water**  
 Plants act as natural water filters, removing pollutants and sediments before they reach reservoirs. As natural systems deteriorate, how much water is available locally.

**Flood Prevention**  
 By soaking up floodwater, wetlands reduce the height of peak flow and slow the movement of water to reduce flooding, making debris less likely to occur.

**Pollination**  
 The total production value of pollination in the United States is estimated to be \$2 billion dollars. In other words, through insect pollination, farmers can raise \$2 billion dollars in required pollination annually.

**Urban Trees**  
 In 2005, trees alone in the US urban landscape added \$4.3 billion value to the economy with a gross sequestration rate of 20.3 million tons annually (2400 million).

**Recreation**  
 From national parks to your local dog park, national parks provide opportunities for some of the best recreation. Walking, running, and biking, for instance, promote both physical and mental wellness.

**Fishing**  
 From trout to catfish, fishing has become a billion-dollar industry in the United States and is valued by 7 million recreational fishermen.

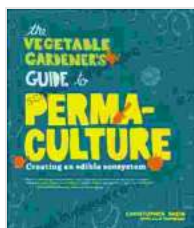
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"Creating an Edible Ecosystem" is an indispensable guide for anyone seeking to cultivate a more sustainable, resilient, and nourishing existence. Through its pages, Michael Lee inspires us to embrace the transformative

power of edible ecosystems, unlocking a world of abundance, well-being, and harmony with nature.

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