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# The Tub Pond Handbook: A Comprehensive Guide To Creating And Maintaining Patio Ponds, Container Water Gardens, And Tropical Fish Breeding Tubs (E-Book Edition)



## Synopsis

The beauty and novelty of a backyard pond is on the wish list of people from all walks of life. But the required space, landscaping, logistics, maintenance, and expense drives many away from this dream. The solution is the freestanding container pond water garden, also known as a tub or patio pond. If you are plagued by a black thumb, this is no-fail gardening. If you are an aquarist, take your hobby outside to breed and maintain interesting fishes and other aquatic life with minimal effort and fast grow-out. Even Apartment dwellers can have a mini pond by sunny window! .....Written by the hobby's leading voice on "summer tubbing," for the past 20 years, The Tub Pond Handbook is the most comprehensive guide to date on the subject. Coverage include: advantages vs traditional ponds and fishrooms; tub selection and preparation; design ideas; extensive plant and fish suggestions with planting and breeding methods; pest control; timetables for setup, teardown, and maintenance; and working with natural temperatures, light, and water to create a biologically balanced low maintenance container pond with no moving parts (except the fish). At 170 pages with over 100 COLOR images, The Tub Pond Handbook will inspire, instruct, and be a handy reference source for container and patio pond hobbyists for years to come.....ABOUT THE 2ND EDITION:\* more photos\* larger plant and fish photos\* re-edited and updated text.....OTHER EDITIONS: Color Paperback.....ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Dr. Ted Coletti is a respected aquarist, water gardener, hobby writer, and club speaker for over 30 years. A former Contributing Editor and Columnist at Tropical Fish Hobbyist Magazine, he is a member of the International Waterlily & Water Gardening Society, Founder of the Northeast Fish Tub & Water Garden Study Group, Editor of the American Livebearer Association Journal, Founder of the Aquarium Hobby Historical Society, and Master Breeder and Expert Grower at the North Jersey Aquarium Society. He maintains over two dozen tub ponds on his property. This is his second book.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This is about as complete a guide to "summer tubbing" that you are going to find. The author explains all the steps necessary for a successful water garden. I feel much more comfortable taking on this adventure after reading this book.

I am new to water gardening and found this book to very helpful. I am adding fish next year. Great job!

I started keeping summer tubs after seeing Dr Ted give a presentation on the subject at NJAS a few years ago, and it has become the highlight of my summers. From seeing the fantastic colors and fry from fish, to eagerly waiting the first water lily to flower, summer tubbing will always be a part of my aquatic hobby. This is a great guide suitable for both those just getting started as well as anyone looking to improve on what they're doing. Thanks, Dr Ted!

Lots of practical and useful information about deck ponds. Unfortunately, photos were in color when I looked at book on , but the book is in B&W. After I purchased, added a color paperback at an outrageous price. Can also get photos electronically with an e-book for additional money. Nevertheless, I am glad that I bought the book.

very disappointed as the pictures were all black and white when I looked on it showed all color did not notice the small black and white addition on the color cover.

Excellent book on tub gardens. Even the most experienced hobbyist can learn something from it. I did and I have kept tubs outside for years. Keeping tub gardens is a fun project most everyone can do.

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