

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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Skip received his master's degree in Horticulture from Texas A&M University, "the source of all earthly knowledge." He has been with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for 26 years in Montgomery, Travis and Harris County where he currently serves as a County Extension Agent in Horticulture.

Skip has gardened in the brush country of south Texas, the rocky hills of the Missouri Ozarks, the acid sands of the East Texas piney woods, the semi-arid climate and high pH soils of central Texas, and the humid, hot climate and black clays of southeast Texas.

He is an enthusiastic student and teacher of natural gardening techniques. He helped develop Extension's "Don't Bag It" yard waste recycling programs, the "Composting for Kids" educational web page, and the Grow Green environmental education program which educates Austin residents on landscaping practices that protect water quality.

He has written a bi-weekly internet column for the National Gardening Association, numerous newspaper and magazine articles on gardening. His "Gardening with Skip" YouTube channel features over 120 brief gardening videos. Skip has served as the National Gardening Association's regional horticulturist for the southeastern U.S. and is a contributing editor to Texas Gardener magazine. His new book, *Month-by-Month Gardening in Texas* provides guidance on planting and caring for your garden and landscape every month of the year.