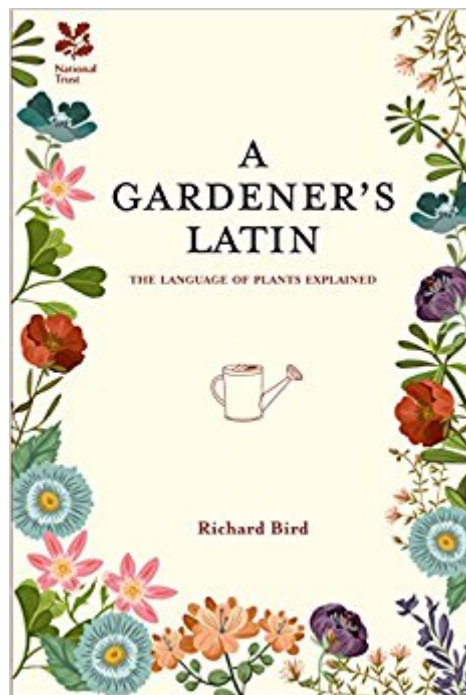


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Richard Bird is the author of nearly 30 books, including *200 Vegetable-Growing Basics* and *How to Grow Orchard Fruits*.

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