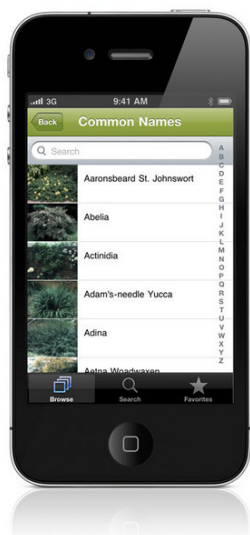




# New gardening apps from shrub and tree expert Michael Dirr, Burpee and Bonnie Plants

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My favorite gardening app at the moment – and probably for many moments to come – is "Plants vs. Zombies." Actually, does a video game qualify as an app? I bought it at the app store, so I think it does. I taught my 10-year-old niece, Riley, how to play it last weekend, and she drained my iPhone battery twice. OK, I've done that, too.

A new app has captured my attention: "Dirr's Tree and Shrub Finder." Though I have only had time to download and peruse it quickly, the almost 10,000 trees, shrubs, vines and ground covers detailed within it's virtual pages guarantee that I'll be back. Based on Michael Dirr's authoritative "The Manual of Woody Landscape Plants," I have no doubt the app will be instantly popular.

The Martha Stewart Living app makes me want an iPad (well, that's not the only reason). With videos,

additional how-tos and beautiful-beyond-belief photos, it's better than the magazine.

Another I'm excited about is from Burpee. I especially like the idea of getting weather updates and texts with tips and planting dates and so forth.

Bonnie Plants has launched a mobile version of the website that's all about edibles. You'll find information on planting, harvesting, simple garden plans and recipes. You can even shop.

The Clean Air Gardening blog gives an assessment of 10 apps, including Flower Pedia, which is featured in "What's Hot" on the Apple App Store, and the one I need the most, Garden ToDo.

-- Kym Pokorny

# Planting apps put garden info at your fingertips

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Two new useful apps assist you with plants.

First, Burpee Home Gardens introduces the Burpee Garden Coach, a free app for gardeners who like to grow what they eat. Through text messages and Web-based interaction via mobile phone, you learn how to choose, grow, maintain, harvest and eat backyard-grown veggies. To get started, simply text your Zip code to 80998.

Features of the Burpee Garden Coach include:

- Text messages throughout the gardening season provide planting date tips, maintenance reminders and support to improve vegetable gardening success.
- Access to the complete Burpee Home Gardens variety lineup at your fingertips.
- The ability to record, document and rate plants in a personalized garden journal.
- Get local weather forecasts to aid in garden maintenance.
- Harvesting ideas and inspirations from garden to table.
- Find Burpee Home Gardens plants at local garden centers.

To get the app, visit [burpeehomegardens.com](http://burpeehomegardens.com)

Secondly, the Arbor Day Foundation makes it easy to identify trees, using your iPhone or iPod Touch.

The new app is called "Arbor Day Tree Identification Guide: What Tree Is That?" and is based on its similar print tree ID guide.

By identifying a few basic characteristics of a tree, such as leaf size and shape and branch structure, iPhone users will be able to determine what type of tree is in their backyard, neighborhood, city park or just about anywhere.

One of the best features of this app is that it can be used anywhere regardless of cell phone coverage once it is downloaded.

The app features advanced botanical illustrations of the many distinctive characteristics of more than 250 tree species found in North America.

Once a tree is, the user can tag the tree at its exact location using the iPhone's global positioning system.

Cost for the app is \$4.95 and can be purchased from your iPhone or at iTunes.