raised bed that's right for you!

The Weatherproof, Earth-Friendly Choice in Raised Beds

Gardener's Supply Exclusive

New! Our new Forever Raised Beds set up in minutes and last for decades. Made from a composite of recycled wood and plastic, they have the attractive look and feel of silvery aged cedar, but will never splinter or rot. Internal aluminum brackets keep beds straight and true; lapped corners provide a clean, finished look. Generous 10¾” depth helps retain moisture and provides plenty of root space for everything from salad greens and tomatoes to carrots, squash and even potatoes.

#37-801 Forever Raised Bed, 3' x 3' $150.00
#37-802 Forever Raised Bed, 3' x 6' $225.00

How It Works

- Lumber slides into corner joints
- Stake-in-stake design allows easy stacking
- Hinged design can form any angle

Adjustable Angle Joints for Custom Shapes and Heights

These hinged corner joints adjust to nearly any angle, so you can make raised beds or terraces that follow an irregular line. They accept standard 2" x 6" lumber; to make a higher bed, stack one corner joint on top of another. High-impact, frost-proof plastic.

#34-602 Stackable Corner Joints, set of 2 $17.95

Garden Crusader Awards
Grand Prize

2008 Winner
Ed Bush
Baton Rouge, LA

For LSU associate professor of horticulture Ed Bush, teaching college students about photosynthesis, plant genetics and native plants is all in a day's work. But teaching the same concepts to students in grades 3-12 is quite another story. Yet to his surprise, Ed has found it isn't as different as he expected. "I grossly underestimated the capabilities of children," he says. "Even sixth-graders can understand complex scientific concepts, as long as we expect it of them."

Ed Bush has developed an innovative educational program called Coastal Roots, which teaches environmental stewardship by involving young students in the restoration of Louisiana's wetlands and coastal areas. To date, the program has involved more than 2,000 students from 24 area schools. Almost 20,000 native tree seedlings and grass plugs have been planted—all of them grown in nurseries that Ed helped establish at each school. "The stewardship component of this program is important," says Ed. "To grow a tree, it has to be nurtured. You've got to plant it and fertilize it and water it."

In Louisiana, the degradation of wetlands and coastal areas is a serious problem that has only worsened after Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Gustav. As a New Orleans native, Ed has firsthand experience of the consequences. In the aftermath of Katrina, his mother's house in New Orleans was submerged in twelve feet of water for two weeks. She now lives with Ed and his family. Engaging area residents—especially children—in taking better care of the land around them is something Ed believes is essential.

In the coming year, Ed hopes to begin expanding the Coastal Roots program into northern Louisiana, Mississippi, and beyond. "We want to make the biggest impact we can," says Ed, "on both our children and our environment."

To read more about Coastal Roots, and about some of the other winners of our Garden Crusader awards, please visit gardeners.com.

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