

Arnoldia Reviews

How to Control Plant Diseases in Home and Garden. Second edition. Malcolm C. Shurtleff. Ames, Iowa: Iowa State University Press. 1966. 649 pages, illustrated. \$10.50.

A condensed, encyclopedic handbook in non-technical language to guide in the identification and control of plant diseases, with emphasis on the control. A brief discussion of the general nature of plant diseases is followed by a chapter on causes, including environmental conditions, and diseases caused by various organisms and their control measures. These sections prepare the reader for the main part of the book where diseases are briefly described after listings of the plants that are susceptible to them.

Common names with technical names italicized in parentheses help the average gardener. Resistant plant varieties have been included in the control recommendations for many diseases.

This volume with its wealth of information is the best on disease control that I have ever seen for use by most gardeners. The person using this reference work will have to remember, however, that some spray materials referred to can no longer be employed because of restrictive regulations.

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Popular Flowering Shrubs. H. L. V. Fletcher. New York: Drakes Publishers. 1972. 192 pages, illustrated. \$5.95.

A truly excellent book with the usual reservations about those of English authorship; unless they live in California, most U.S. gardeners must forego the joys of *ceanothus*, *cistus*, *escallonia*, and *hebes*.

I continue to be impressed by the high educational level of English horticultural writers, and Mr. Fletcher is outstanding in this regard. The various shrubs are considered alphabetically with good discussions of the particular varietal attributes. There is a great deal of horticultural information; for example, I had never read that all *prunus* need lime (our much-used *P. laurocerasus* is in that category). This is an inexpensive, satisfying book for the shrub lover.

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