

MEMBERS' FORUM

SOURCES FOR SUN COLEUS

Where can I find seeds for the sun-tolerant coleus selections described in the excerpt of Ray Rogers's coleus book published in the January/February issue?

*Steve Aegerter
Denver, Colorado*

Editor's response: The sun-tolerant coleus cultivars are cutting-propagated to retain their leaf patterning, so you won't be able to grow them from seed. Ask for them by name at your local garden center or search for sources online. A good place to start is the Coleus Finder (www.coleusfinder.org).

CONIFERS GET THEIR DUE

I was particularly pleased with the profile of Marvin Snyder's conifer collection ("Conifer Heaven in the Heartland," January/February 2008). As a long-time

American Conifer Society member and past Northeast Region president, it is gratifying to see conifers take center stage.

Marvin points out that miniature conifers grow less than one inch per year. I might also add that "dwarf" conifers grow a bit faster at one to six inches a year. Both sizes are suitable for the small garden and their beauty is revealed in the winter when all else is dormant.

*Walter Cullerton
Pineville, Pennsylvania*

NEED HELP LOCATING PLANTS

Is there an American version of the *RHS Plant Finder* that is geared to helping home gardeners locate plant sources?

*Hank Vogt
Tallahassee, Florida*

Editor's response: The closest thing to the Plant Finder in North America is *The*

Plant Locator: Western Edition, compiled by Susan Hill and Susan Narizny (Timber Press, 2004), which focuses on western nursery sources. An excellent resource, offered through the Andersen Horticultural Library at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, is an online database of nursery sources for plants called Plant Information Online (<https://plantinfo.umn.edu/arboretum/default.asp>.) Another online resource is www.plantscout.com, part of the Dave's Garden website.

CORRECTION

Mavis Augustine Torke rendered the illustrations on pages 37 and 39 of the composting article in the March/April issue. 🌿

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