In February of this year we wrote to a selected list of publishers requesting that they send to Arnoldia newly published books on horticulture, forestry, botany, ecology, gardening, and closely related topics. As a service to our readers, the titles and publication information of the books sent to us will be published in a "Books Received" list. In the past Arnoldia has published reviews, often very brief, of individual titles. In the future we plan to publish lengthier, authoritative reviews that are topical and discuss not only recently published books, but established references and favorites. Two such reviews are now being prepared and will appear this year, one on field guides to wildflowers and the other on medicinal plant books. The staff of the Arnold Arboretum together with occasional outside reviewers should be able to provide useful and expert advice about a wide range of the current and past literature that may be of interest to readers of Arnoldia. But the large number of books published yearly make it impossible to review every title sent to us by publishers. The "Books Received" list serves some of the purposes of our earlier, shorter reviews while allowing us to implement our new review policy. It provides an overview of new titles; it assures publishers that books they send at least will be mentioned; and it enables us to give closer consideration to books as we receive them to decide which we might wish to review.


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