



***The Smaller Rhododendrons*** by Peter A. Cox  
 271 pages, 8 colour plates, 41 black-and-white photographs, 26 line drawings, 6 maps showing distribution of subsections.  
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 Appendix B - Rhododendron nurseries,  
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**Peter A. Cox** was a director of Glendoick Gardens, a specialist nursery and garden centre in Perthshire, Scotland, the responsibilities having been largely passed on to the third generation of the famil. He has travelled widely in search of rhododendrons, and has discovered and collected new species in the Far East.

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He was awarded the Victoria Medal of Honour, plus the Gold Medal of Honour from the ARS, the Nurseryman and Garden Centre Lifetime Achievement Award, awards from the Institute of Horticulture and the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Society. In June, 2005, he was awarded an honorary doctorate of Science from St. Andrews University.

The author, in the introduction of the book, explains that since *Dwarf Rhododendrons* was published in 1973, much had happened in the rhododendron world, and, thus, he decided to rewrite it from beginning to end. *The Smaller Rhododendrons* attempts to incorporate many of the new developments into one volume, such as Cox did in his *The Larger Species of Rhododendron*, following the Edinburgh Revisions. *Dwarf Rhododendrons* include plants normally under 1.52m (5Ft), and the same specifications generally apply in this book.

The organization of the chapters is well laid out with the first chapter discussing dwarf rhododendrons in their natural habitat, distribution of species, ecology and introduction into cultivation. From there, the following chapters go through the natural guide of dwarf rhododendrons in the garden, choice of site soil preparation, maintenance, deadheading, disease, pests. The author expands the chapters to give the reader good knowledge on species and hybrids of the smaller rhododendrons and follows up with two chapters on propagation and lists of recommendations. This book is in our library.