

## FOREWORD

The Northeastern Forest Tree Improvement Conference Proceedings are currently being received by nearly 700 individuals, organizations, and libraries around the world. I know that many complete sets are available in libraries and private collections for reference purposes, and I felt that the usefulness of this publication would be enhanced by a cumulative index covering the first twenty volumes (1953-1972).

The author index is self-explanatory.

The species index contains all species and hybrids (natural and artificial) contained in the Proceedings. I have taken the liberty to use the most current scientific and common names as given by E. L. Little (1953) for native and naturalized trees in the United States and A. Rehder (1954) for all other species. As a result, the nomenclature used in the index may not always agree with the older scientific name or the "local" common name used in the text. Common names are listed the first time the species occurs in the index; i.e., white fir is the preferred name for *Abies amabilis* (Doug.) Forb. Silver fir is the common name of *Abies alba* Mill. and is not a name assigned to the hybrid *A. balsamea* X *A. alba*.

The responsibility for selection of headings in the subject index rests solely with the author. It is axiomatic that most indices could be further subdivided, and I have attempted to do this in a few instances; i.e., juvenile selection, vegetative propagation, variation, etc. Plant names are consistent with those used in the species index.

The first part of the hyphenated number refers to the volume and the second part to the page number in that volume; i.e., the article by Abbott (20-140) begins on page 140 of volume 20; cold hardiness of chestnut (1-90) is discussed on page 90 of volume 1; and *A. amabilis* (Dougl.) Forb. (5-21) is mentioned on page 21 of volume 5

The author assumes all responsibility for errors and omissions in this index. In spite of any shortcomings it may have, it is my hope that at least a few individuals will find it to be an important supplement to their NEFTIC Proceedings collection.

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