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BEAN'S TREES AND SHRUBS NOW FREELY AVAILABLE ONLINE

For the past 100 years WJ Bean's **Trees and Shrubs Hardy in The British Isles** has been the standard reference on woody plants, valued by generations of gardeners. But at five fat volumes, it's not exactly a handy pocket guide.

So in this centenary year of its first publication in 1914, the complete text of the Eighth Edition has now been brought online by the International Dendrology Society. The site www.beanstreesandshrubs.org makes this essential reference freely accessible to everyone, everywhere. Fully and easily searchable, the attractive site is simple to use and current nomenclature is also provided for convenient searching.

Tony Kirkham, Head of the Arboretum, Kew Gardens, said 'Having Bean online is a tremendous resource for everyone interested in woody plants, in this country and overseas.'

The brainchild of wine expert and tree lover Hugh Johnson, **Bean's Trees and Shrubs Online** has been made possible by the support of the Dendrology Charitable Company and the generosity of the copyright holders. Technical work on the website is by Bill Hemsley, of Arkesis, with editorial input by Dr John Grimshaw, Director of the Yorkshire Arboretum.

The International Dendrology Society (www.dendrology.org) is dedicated to promoting the knowledge of trees and shrubs throughout the world. Chairman Harriet Tupper said of the new website: 'The IDS is proud to make this work available online and we hope to be able to start to update it soon.'

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