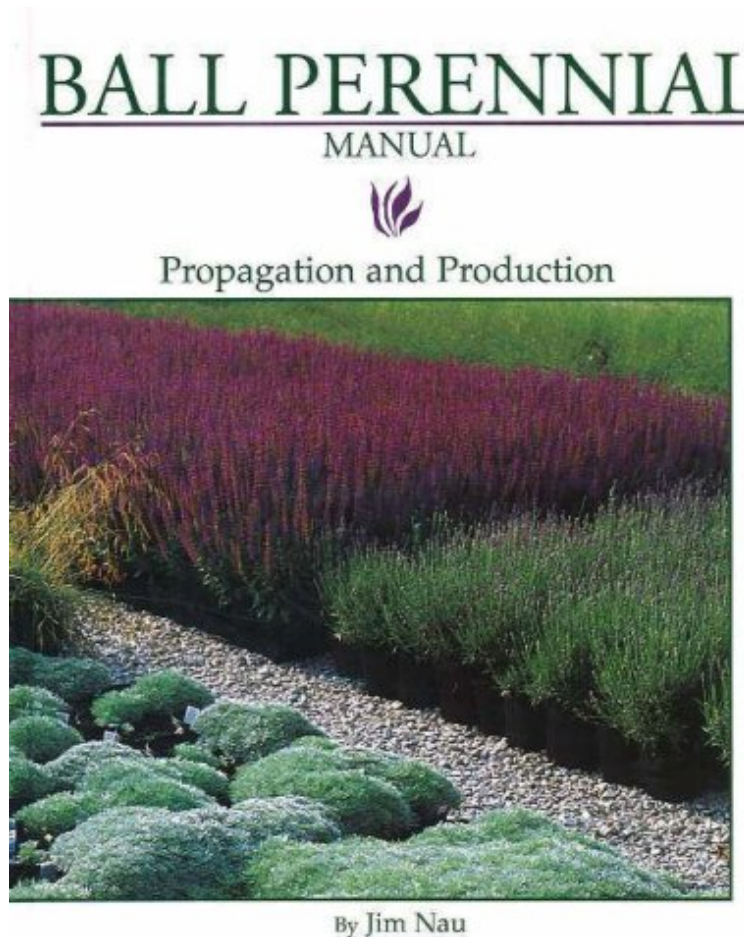


(Download free ebook) Ball Perennial Manual: Propagation and Production

Ball Perennial Manual: Propagation and Production

Jim Nau

*ePub | *DOC | audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF*



#1533720 in Books Chicago Review Press 1996-01-01 Original language: English PDF # 1 9.00 x 1.40 x 7.00l, 2.46 #File Name: 1883052106512 pages | File size: 68.Mb

Jim Nau : Ball Perennial Manual: Propagation and Production before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Ball Perennial Manual: Propagation and Production:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Best book on perennials if your growing your ownBy BruceRWintergreenGardenThis book comes from probably the best author on plant production in the US today. Jim Nau, of the Ball Seed Co. is the guy for herbaceous plant today. The number of species listed is limited. (That is why 4 stars and not 5) But what he talks about is authoritative and that is in short supply when it comes to perennial books today. I think it's time for Nau to come out with a new addition.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four StarsBy olgeezergood info for advanced growers, not beginners0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Nice bookBy ladyapple27Very good info for all growers.

This guide unravels the mysteries of seed germination, divisions, cuttings, and other forms of perennial propagation. Containing valuable information on more than 300 species of plants, it is a cultural cookbook of herbaceous perennials.

From Booklist This book is a technical manual targeting large-scale, professional growers. Author Nau has been trials manager and is currently the resource person for the Ball Seed Company. Perennials are arranged alphabetically by botanical name. Discussions of the 149 genera and 300 species include common name, description, hardiness, season of bloom, propagation, germination overview, growing conditions, varieties, related species, and uses other than perennial border in the home garden. An opening section provides a useful explanation of what is covered in these areas. "Hardiness" usually refers to winter's worst; here, the high heat and humidity of southern climates is also considered. "Germination" includes seeds per ounce, light and dark requirements, and days to transplant. A chapter on propagation techniques describes processes in detail. "Stem Cuttings" ranges from softwood stems to leaves, rooting, particulars of timing, temperature, and other factors. "Seed Propagation" includes pros and cons of this method, various types of cold and warm conditioning, and scarification. Entries in the alphabetical section refer the user back to this section. Appendixes include a clear USDA plant-hardiness zone map, a table of perennials propagated by seed with expected response and bloom time, a propagation table for perennials, a source list, a glossary, a bibliography, and indexes to scientific names, common names, and subjects. The 70 color photographs are good, but peripheral.

Herbaceous Perennial Plants: Treatise on Their Identification, Culture, and Garden Attributes, by Allan M. Armitage (Varsity, 1989), covers 270 genera. It provides basics of perennial culture, classification, and use; identifies cultivars and related species; offers helpful charts, but contains far less methodology. Occasional folklore, history, line drawings, and lively author commentary make this a good choice for home gardeners.

Hardy Herbaceous Perennials, by Leo Jellito and Willhelm Schacht (2v., Timber, 1990), covers 800 genera with brief notes on cultivation and use. Its 690 color and 352 black-and-white photographs make it an unmatched selection guide.

While the *Ball Perennial Manual* is designed as a resource for professionals, it can be of great value to the avid home gardener. A good choice for libraries with large gardening collections.

About the Author Jim Nau is the author of *Ball Culture Guide: The Encyclopedia of Seed Germination*.