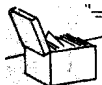


# REVIEWS and ABSTRACTS



## DWARF FRUIT TREES

By Lawrence Southwick, 1948

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Here is a book which the backyard gardener may find useful if he has an interest in dwarf fruit trees. The first three chapters are concerned with general aspects of the subject such as, why have dwarf trees, what dwarf trees are and what constitutes a good dwarf. These seem a bit general and drawn out and might well have been combined in one chapter.

### Planning and Variety Selection

Chapter four entitled "Planning a Dwarf Orchard," contains information on space requirements, probable yield, variety selection, and pollination. The space requirements and general adaptation of the various fruits is well covered. The material on varieties seems inadequate. Varieties for the home orchard must, of course, be selected for the particular region in which they are to be planted. Therefore, a book of this type must of necessity contain information of a general nature. However, it does seem that the author could have been a

bit more specific here and possibly given more details on the desirable and undesirable characteristics of the varieties listed. Since the book is apparently intended primarily for the eastern and central states it seems impractical to suggest that the grower consider four varieties of Japanese plums especially since one of these is Burbank, a very questionable variety.

Rather complete instructions are included for propagation of dwarf trees, pruning, thinning and soil management. Hobby gardeners will be especially interested in the directions which are given for training fruit trees by the various espalier systems. These forms include single and multiple U-forms, fans, palmettes and cardons.

This book also includes sections on insect and disease control, harvesting and storage of fruit, and the growing of dwarf trees for sale.

All factors considered this is a fine little volume for the home fruit grower who is interested in dwarf trees.

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