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Reviews and Abstracts

Size-Controlling Rootstocks for Orchard Use. 1962. By Ontario Fruit Research Committee, A. Hutchinson, Chairman. Ont. Dept. Agr. Publ. 334.

This bulletin attempts to tell fruit growers of Ontario, Canada what the current possibilities are for getting smaller-than-standard sized fruit trees with rootstocks.

The Ontario Fruit Research Committee recommends to growers that they insist that all clonal rootstocks be budded at least eight to ten inches above the ground to avoid the chances of scion rooting. Malling II is recommended as the best dwarfing rootstock for southern Ontario. *Malus robusta* 5 is the only clonal rootstock suggested for apple where hardiness is of prime importance.

The Committee feels that there is no completely satisfactory dwarfing rootstock available for pears, although quince is in use. The Old Home variety is recommended as an intermediate stock for Bartlett on Quince A.

Brompton and St. Julian plums are being tested as clonal rootstocks for peach. Both appear to be compatible with Redhaven, Golden Jubilee and Veteran.

Seedlings of *Prunus besseyi* and *P. tomentosa* are recommended as dwarfing roots for trial plantings of plum. Such trees need support.

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This is a special fruit number of a British publication issued periodically, mainly to make available to English growers the results of horticultural research carried on in the various experimental stations of Great Britain that have practical application. Previous issues have included research with vegetables and ornamentals as well as with fruits.

This particular issue includes the following articles of interest to readers of Fruit Varieties and Horticultural Digest: "Strawberry Varieties under Dutch Lights" by F. A. Roach, Nat. Agr. Advisory Service; "A Strawberry Variety Trial (1959-60)" by J. C. Todd, Nat. Fruit Trials, Brogdale; "Strawberry Variety Trials at Experimental Horticulture Stations" and "Black Currant Variety Trials at Experimental Horticulture Stations" by J. M. S. Potter, Nat. Fruit Trials, Brogdale; "Apple Rootstock Studies: The Behaviour of Twelve Clonal Rootstocks at Luddington" by A. P. Preston, East Malling Res. Sta., and J. Ingram, Luddington Exp. Hort. Station.

Experimental Horticulture No. 6 is filled with practical information that will be of interest to any fruit grower or pomologist who wants to keep up with the latest developments in the fruit science of Great Britain.



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Henry Franklin, a fruit breeder in Queensland, Australia, believes he is on his way to producing a commercial red pear.