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Rhododendron & Azaleas, A Colour Guide

by Kenneth Cox

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Kenneth Cox was born in 1964 into a family of renowned plantsmen, the grandson of plant-hunter, writer and nurseryman Euan Cox and son of Peter Cox VMH. The three generations were and are considered the world's leading experts on rhododendrons. Kenneth, himself a nurseryman and author of six previous books on rhododendrons, has carved out his particular niche in the world of plant-hunting in leading expeditions to south and south-east Tibet and Arunachal Pradesh, India, from 1995 to the present.

Kenneth's managing director of the family firm, Glendoick Gardens Ltd in Scotland, a mail-order nursery and garden centre specializing in rhododendrons, azaleas, ericaceous plants, meconopsis, primula and other plants collected by the Cox family from around the world. He is married with two sons and in his spare time plays several musical instruments.

Rhododendrons & Azaleas, A Colour Guide is a compilation of a lifetime's experience that Kenneth Cox has rendered in a single volume on rhododendrons and azaleas. The first part of the book covers the history of rhododendrons, how they came to be collected from the wild and how they can be successfully cultivated. There are detailed chapters on landscaping, maintenance, and husbandry, pests, diseases, problems and disorders, propagation, and buying and collecting rhododendrons.

The core of the book is a rhododendron and azalea encyclopaedia, covering well over 4,000 varieties. This is a complete survey of the *Genus Rhododendron*, including all the cultivated hardy species, the most popular commercial rhododendron, hybrids, deciduous and evergreen azaleas species and hybrids. The list of cultivars is international with data from Australia, New Zealand, North America, Japan and Europe.

The book contains extensive assessment of performance of varieties for different countries and climatic conditions. The author has surveyed growers in all parts of the world where rhododendrons are widely grown to complete this data.

Over 1,200 pictures illustrate wild rhododendrons, cultivation practice, propagation and gardening design ideas, as well as over 1,000 plant portraits.

Rhododendrons and azaleas, both from the genus *Rhododendron*, have long been mainstays of late spring because of their spectacular clusters of showy blooms—plus, large green leaves that often stay green through winter. About Rhododendrons & Azaleas. The flowers are tubular-, funnel-, or bell-shaped—and often fragrant. The leaves of the smaller azalea are usually pointed and narrow; the leaves of the rhododendron are generally large and leathery. How to Plant Rhododendron & Azaleas. Plant in spring or early fall. Space plants 2 to 6 feet apart, depending on their estimated mature size. Free beginner's garden guide! Sign up for our email newsletter by entering your email address. Enter your email address Azaleas and Rhododendrons, with their voluptuous flowers, are one of the best-loved sights of spring. But did you know that some of them also experience a fabulous second season of interest in fall. Plant Selection Guides. Azaleas and Rhododendrons with Attractive Fall Colors. View or Create Collections. Azaleas and Rhododendrons with Attractive Fall Colors. Deciduous Azaleas, Evergreen Azaleas, Lepidote Rhododendrons, Elepidote Rhododendrons. Previous Next. Illustrated with over 2,200 colour photographs, each entry includes: a description of the plant and flower colour; notes on hardiness, height and spread, and flowering time; advice on cultivation and proven performers; the name of the parent plants, the raiser and similar varieties. Customer Reviews. Review this book. Biography. Kenneth Cox is grandson of plant-hunter, writer and nurseryman Euan Cox and son of Peter Cox VMH. The three generations were and are considered the world's leading experts on rhododendrons. Kenneth is author of six books on rhododendrons. By: Kenneth Cox. 240 page Rhododendrons and azaleas are popular garden shrubs with colorful flowers that bloom mid-spring. These acid-loving plants can be grown in USDA Zones 4-9 and thrive in filtered shade and well-draining soil. Learn when to plant rhododendrons based on your climate and how to prune them for the best results. Rhododendrons and azaleas are acid-loving, woody shrubs with colorful flower clusters. They prefer damp climates and mild temperatures, but there are rhododendron plants and azalea bushes suitable for Zones 4-9. With thousands of varieties available, there's one to suit just about every garden. Rhododendrons Azaleas book. Read reviews from world's largest community for readers. Rhododendrons & Azaleas profiles over 4,000 varieties of this highly popular and striking plant. Illustrated with 1,100 color photographs, each entry includes a description of the plant and flower color; notes on hardiness, height and spread, and flowering time; advice on cultivation and proven performers; and the name of the parent plants, the raiser, and similar Rhododendrons & Azaleas profiles over 4,000 varieties of this highly popular and striking plant. Illustrated with 1,100 color photographs, each entry includes a description of the plant and flower color; notes on hardiness, height and spread, and flowering time; advice on cultivation and proven performers; and the name of th