More on Magnolia Biondii

The American Magnolia Society’s accelerated efforts of recent months to obtain seeds or other live material of Magnolia biondii from the Peoples Republic of China may have met with success. Dr. August E. Kehr reported September 13, 1977, that Dr. Yu-Chen Ting of Boston College has just returned from China with about 100 seeds of what is represented by the Chinese collectors to be M. biondii, taken from trees on a mountain in Honan Province in response to Dr. Ting’s request. Dr. Kehr has asked his friend and former student, Dr. Ting, to forward the seeds to AMS President Joe McDaniel, who will decide on their disposition for the Society. We are hoping that Dr. Ting will write an account of the acquisition of the seeds for the next (Fall-Winter, 1977) issue of the Newsletter. Dr. Ting, a native of Honan Province, also reported that he obtained seeds in Canton Province of a Magnolia with yellow, fragrant flowers. No identification will be attempted until more is known about it. Dr. Ting addressed the AMS meeting in Washington in April.

Treseders’ Management Changes

Neil Treseder has relinquished active control of Treseders’ Nurseries (Truro) Ltd. and the nurseries are now operated by his son, Andrew G. Treseder, managing director. The nurseries, in Truro, Cornwall, England, will continue to specialize in Magnolias. Neil Treseder reports that his long awaited book on Magnolias will be available in the fall of 1978.