

first year but then grew nicely in their second year. I hope the *M. portoricensis* plants follow suit.

Once again, I'd like to thank Julio Figueroa for making it all happen for us. I don't know what we would have done without his help. Of course we also owe our gratitude to Ruben Padron, who helped us out in Maricao.

Vegetative parts and fruit of both Puerto Rican magnolias were submitted to the Herbarium of the Arnold Arboretum last year. Ken Durio of Opelousas, La. has begun propagating *M. splendens* from our original 1981 introduction.

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*Closeup of the one fruit cone that was found.*

## The Seed Counter

by Dennis Ledvina

The American Magnolia Society's 1982-83 Seed Counter turned out to be a record year after a rather delayed start. Over \$1500 was added to our treasury, thanks to the efforts of many people.

The 1983-84 Seed Counter is another story. With a cold, wet spring here in the Midwest, late frosts in the South, and a cold spring in Europe, the seed supply is very limited this year. Every effort will be made to supply those ordering with most of their first choices. Orders will be filled on a random basis after everyone has a reasonable time to submit his or her order.

The 1984-85 Seed Counter could be another record if everyone who has magnolia seed would consider sending some to the Counter.

The Counter would like to thank Bill Seidl who contributed many hours of his time helping to get seed in the mail.

Seed should be cleaned if possible. Soak seed in water until the pulpy outer covering is easily removed. Send the moist seed in plastic bags immediately after cleaning, and they will be stored in a moist, cool condition to await shipment to those who order them next year. Don't use fungicides or fillers, which interfere with handling and counting.

The Seed Counter is one of this Society's most important services in the worldwide promotion of more extensive culture of magnolias, and has enabled many members in the U.S. and overseas to obtain magnolias difficult to find otherwise, at modest cost. It is also a substantial source of revenue, supported entirely by contributions, that helps run the Society. Send your seed contributions to Dennis Ledvina, AMS Seed Counter, 2583 Hazelwood Lane, Green Bay, WI. 54304.