



Pest Of The Week

COOLEY SPRUCE GALL APHID
This small insect causes conelike galls on the tips of the branches of Colorado Blue and Engelmann spruce. The young are present at this time on the needles of both spruce and Douglas fir and are susceptible to insecticides.

CONTROL: Galls may be picked from spruce and burned, later, while they are still green. Spraying is effective at this time against the young feeding on the needles on both blue spruce and Douglas fir. Spray with two tablespoons per gallon of water of either 25 per cent Diazinon emulsion or 50 per cent Malathion emulsion. Meta-Systo - R may also be used.

Doors Make Glamorous Headboard

Lifting the bedroom out of the ordinary and gaining tastefully decorated added living space can be accomplished easily and inexpensively, without structural alterations. The comfort center of any bedroom, of course, is the bed, and it can be a decorative accent as well.

Grouping the bed and its unusual headboard with a desk and built-in storage along one wall might free an area on the other side of the room for a small table, two chairs or a chaise lounge, and a reading lamp.



Annual Flowers Brighten Landscape With Instant Color

EAST LANSING
Annual flowers can add a new dimension in gardening to your home - "Instant color." Your imagination is the only thing that limits you if you plan to brighten your

home landscape with annual flowers," says Dr. William H. Carlson, Michigan State University horticulturist. "There are many interesting and unique ways to use annuals," says Carlson. "You can plant them in wooden dividers, chain link fences or old shoes, bathtubs, sinks, tires, washtubs or other containers.

"THE MORE conventional ways, of course, are in flower beds, urns, patio boxes, window boxes and in rock gardens. They can also be trained to grow like small trees or shrubs," he says. Carlson points out that it is usually best to plant many of the same type and color of flower in one area.

of handsome solid wood panel doors lend an appearance far richer than their cost. Grouping the bed and its unusual headboard with a desk and built-in storage along one wall might free an area on the other side of the room for a small table, two chairs or a chaise lounge, and a reading lamp.

STOCK doors are carried in 30 - 32 - and 36-inch widths. Two of the smaller or middle-size doors side by side can be used for a double bed, two full-width doors for a queen - size, and three of the smallest doors for a king - size bed.

Various styles are offered, such as Mediterranean, traditional, contemporary and colonial, to complement other doors and furnishings of the room. Paint or stain them to suit the decorating theme.

A shallow alcove is formed around the head of the bed, with bookshelf dividers, built out from the wall on either side of this divider.

SHELVES of western pine on the inside of one divider hold books and magazines, a clock radio and possibly a miniature television set.

Along the outside of the other divider, a small desk can be built in as a home office, with shelves on the desk side of this divider.

A valance of 1x10 - or 1x12 - inch pine around the dividers, bed and desk lends a finished look to the room. This could be replaced by an open lattice.

ELEGANT APPEARANCE far beyond the cost is added to bedroom with headboard of solid panel doors attached directly to wall, surrounded by shallow divider shelves. Adjacent alcove holds desk, dressing table, or vanity. Doors of western hemlock or fir come in stock sizes; three of smaller size are needed for king-size bed.

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"Two good basic flower bed arrangements would be (1) a center of red geraniums with a border of white ageratum or (2) a center of pink petunias with a border of white alyssum."

Literally hundreds of different annual flowers offer a wide choice of colors, heights and shapes. "Use color, height and shape wisely and you will add a new dimension of gardening to your home," says Carlson.

He lists below some of the more common flowering annuals that can be used in exterior decorating:

AGERATUM: A good border plant with blue or white flowers. Height is six to 18 inches. The plants may be encouraged to branch by pinching the tips.

BALSAM: Good for planters or window boxes. Red, pink and purple flowers on a plant 20 to 30 inches tall.

COLEUS: Good for planters or window boxes (grows well in shade). Many mixtures of color including reds, yellows and green and white. Plants are 18 to 24 inches tall.

COSMOS: Good for use as a background planting. White, pink and crimson flowers on plants 30 to 48 inches tall.

DAHLIA: Another good background plant that has a wide range of color including red, yellow, purple, orange and white. Plants are 18 to 40 inches tall.

FOUR-O'CLOCK: Excellent for formal flower beds. Basic colors are red and white, and plant height is 20 to 24 inches.

IMPATIENS: Good for flower beds in shady areas. Red, white, orange and purple flowers on a plant that is 10 to 20 inches tall.

MARIGOLD: Very versatile. Tall varieties are good

for backgrounds and dwarf varieties are good for borders. Also good for window boxes. Orange, bronze and yellow flowers on plants that range from six inches to 30 inches in height.

MORNING GLORY: Excellent along fences, porches and other areas adapted to its vine type growth. Blue and pink flowers on vines that are 8 to 12 feet tall.

PANSY: This early spring flower is especially good for rock gardens. Colors include red, yellow, blue and bronze mixtures. Plants are 6 to 10 inches tall.

PETUNIA: Good for window boxes and flower beds. Almost every color is available including red, pink, blue, white and two-color mixtures. Plants are eight to 24 inches tall.

PHLOX: Adapted to rock gardens. Colors include pink, white and salmon pastel with a white eye. Plants are six to 12 inches tall.

PORTULACA: Good for rock gardens. Red, pink, yellow and white flowers on plants that are six to nine inches tall.

SALVIA: An excellent border plant that comes in red or pink. Plants are 14 to 16 inches tall.

SPIDER PLANT: A good background plant (30 to 36 inches tall) that has pink or white flowers.

SUMMER CYPRESS: This annual is grown for its foliage and is most often used as a hedge or as a means of dividing large beds into smaller areas. The plants have green leaves and grow 30 to 36 inches tall.

SWEET ALYSSUM: An excellent border plant. Basic colors are white or blue. Plants are from 6 to 10 inches tall.

VINCA: A good plant for window boxes that has white or purple flowers. Plants are 15 to 18 inches tall.

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