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Spider Mites in N.Y.

One of my first reactions to Vol. 3, No. 1 of Weeds and Turf was to write and convey my interest in it as a separate publication. By chance there is in this number an article (p. 17) regarding mites. I thought you would be interested in the situation here in New York.

I refer to the remarks by Hantsberger regarding spider mites. In New York, there are quite a number of spider mite species and eriophyid mites affecting ornamentals. The most troublesome generally is the spruce mite, but many others are serious.

Generally, we have found that malathion is a good mite deterrent, but that it cannot compare with most acaricides in effectiveness of control. In New York, results have been best with Kelthane, Tedion, chlorobenzilate, and very good with Aramite, ovex, Mitox, and Genite. This has been true generally on all woody ornamentals except roses. We do not have a resistance problem to date, which is fortunate.

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A magazine like Weeds and Turf has long been needed for this specialized field, and I am glad to see Trade Magazines, Inc., take the initiative, and especially elated to see such a splended job done. Rarely does a magazine arouse me to the extent that I want a subscription, but in the case of Weeds and Turf it did just that. Keep up the good work.

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