

## Horticultural Points of Interest – November 2018

- **Early-Winter Cuttings**

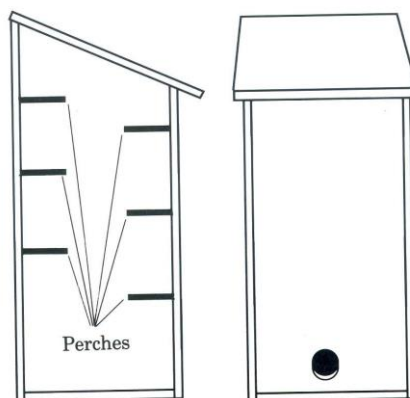
- Hardwood Cuttings may be made now!
- Some Plants that perform well as Winter Cuttings:

Common Name	Latin Name	Common Name	Latin Name
Butterfly Bush	Buddleia Davidii	Blue Mist Shrub	Caryopteris x Clandonesis
Sweetspire	Itea Virginica	Deutzias	Deutzia Ssp
Forsythias	Forsythia Ssp	Honeysuckles	Lonicera Ssp
Many Roses	Rosa Ssp	Willow Shrubs	Salix Ssp
Weigelias	Weigelia Ssp	Elderberries	Sambucus Ssp
Purple Leaf Sand Cherries	Prunus x Cistena (Try other Prunus as well)	Many Evergreens	Experiment (Yews will not root)

- Take Newest Wood in General
  - Nodal Cuttings Usually More Productive
- Use Rooting Hormone
- Plant in ½ Sand, ½ Peat or Sphagnum Moss or 1/3 Soil, 1/3 Sand, 1/3 Peat
- Keep Moist in Window or Under Lights
- Will have 30 to 50% Success Rate at this Time of Year
- Butterfly Bushes & Caryopteris although small Bloom the 1<sup>st</sup> Year

- **Bird Winter Sanctuaries**

- Bird Houses
  - Clean out nesting Material from Summer
    - Birds can use for Shelter in Winter
    - Protects next year's Residents from Parasites
- Home Made Winter Roost House



- Provides Winter Shelter
  - 10" x 10" x 24" High
  - Hole Size 2 ½" Diameter or Leave a 2" Slot at Bottom
  - Perches can be front & back or on Sides
  - Do not stain or paint the Inside
  - Face away from prevailing Wind Direction

- **Pest Protection**

- Deer

- Spray with Repellents when Temperatures are above 45° F
      - Now and again in February
      - Best repellents are those with a sulphurous Odor (i.e. rotten Eggs)
      - Combine with Wilt Proof or Wilt Not stickers to last longer
      - Spray undersides of Leaves on broad leaf Evergreens as an aid to preventing Rain from washing off

- Voles

- Use Mole/Vole Repellent on Beds
      - Caster oil based
        - Castor oil for humans has the scent removed and is ineffective in repelling Voles
      - Rake or Wash into the Ground
        - Voles travel just below the Surface of the Soil and eat the roots of Perennials
      - Can be quite effective
    - On Trees and Shrubs
      - Use plastic spiral wrap to prevent Voles from gnawing off Bark at the base of shrubs and smaller Trees
        - Available at Garden Centers and many Hardware Stores