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M. Biondii Distribution Plan

Arnold Arboretum, which germinated and grew about 26 plants of *Magnolia biondii* from seed collections made in Honan Province in China in 1977 for Dr. Yu-Chen Ting of Boston College in behalf of the American Magnolia Society, has developed a plan for perpetuation of U.S. cultivation and eventual distribution of this rare species to members of the Society, according to Dr. Stephen A. Spongberg of the arboretum.

Arnold will distribute a small number of the seedlings primarily to major nurserymen who are expert propagators as a hedge against possible loss through unforeseen events.

The rest will be retained at Arnold for propagation and eventual distribution on a large scale. Under its plan Arnold hopes within two or more years to have enough plants to distribute to every member of the Society. It's cheering to Society members to know that Arnold is thus continuing its traditional role, dating from the time of Sargent, of assuming the initiative for introduction of uncommon magnolias to American gardeners. Elsewhere in this issue you'll note Arnold's announcement of distribution to Society members of plants of M. sieboldii var. sieboldii, produced from seed collected at high altitude sites in Korea and expected to be especially cold hardy.