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CHESTER M ALTER ARBORETUM

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## DU Hosts the 2014 Tree Diversity Conference

Our urban forests are under siege from disease, aging canopy, budget constraints and more. Leading experts from across America will launch this first event of its kind in Colorado and talk about overcoming these obstacles while creating a vibrant urban canopy. Our speakers include Steve Bieberich of Sunshine Nursery (Clinton, OK), Guy Sternberg of Starhill Forest Arboretum (Petersburg, IL), Scott Skogerboe of Ft. Collins Wholesale Nursery (Ft. Collins, CO), and tree activist Mike Hayman (Seneca Gardens, KY).

### WHEN:

Friday, March 7, 2014  
9:00 am - 4:30 pm

### WHERE:

Sturm Hall, The Lindsey Auditorium (Rm 281)  
2000 E. Asbury Ave.  
Denver, CO 80208

Tickets are \$60 per person (\$35 for registered students). Ticket includes boxed lunch.

For more information on tickets and guest speakers, [click here](#).

## New Accession Labels in the Arboretum

**Tree Diversity Conference  
2014**

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Continuing Education Credits available for arborists.  
Certification with International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)

**MORE. TREE. TYPES.**

Lindsay Auditorium, Room 281  
Sturm Hall, University of Denver  
Map and directions to the Lindsay Auditorium and  
Parking options on campus will be provided to all registrants.

Attendance \$60 per person, \$35 for registered students.  
Includes Boxed Lunch. Foreign payments made by card.  
If no card used by logging on to [www.2014treeconf.com](http://www.2014treeconf.com) and clicking on the "Send Business Money" button. Specify that the payment be made to 2014treeconf@du.edu.  
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Contact Sonia Johns ([sonjohns@du.edu](mailto:sonjohns@du.edu)) for details.

Presented by  
**The University of Denver Chester M Alter Arboretum &  
Denver Botanic Gardens**

Committee: Rob Davis, Denver City Forester; Sonia Johns;  
Panayiot Kalaidas, Denver Botanic Gardens; Martin Chagley, D.U.

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**ASCEND**  
Give to the Arboretum

## TOURS

Tours have concluded for the season! Check back in the spring for future dates. [Take a self-guided tour](#).

If you went on a tour this season, please share your experience with us:

[Take the Survey](#)

## TAMARIX BOOK

Get a hold of Dr. Sher and Dr. Quigley's newest book:

One of the most fundamental practices in curating a living collection is attaching labels to the plants. Labels act as an important step in stabilizing the link between the object on the grounds and the records stored in digital files. The Arboretum uses two types of labels — display labels and accession labels. Last year the Arboretum installed display labels for the general public to learn a little more about the plant and were mounted to a stake in the ground in front of the tree. Our smaller accession labels are for more curatorial and research purposes and are attached to the actual plant. While only the 82 trees listed in our [Tree Walk Guide](#) have display labels, **all 2,239 trees in our collection will have accession labels attached beginning this month.**



Display Label

Accession Label



This exciting new practice moves the Arboretum towards higher standards that are kept by the more exceptional arboreta and gardens in the country. We are proud to continue our growth and hope that the new accession labels will make the collection more accessible to students, researchers, and inquisitive members outside of the community that desire to learn more about our plants.

## Spotlight on the European Hornbeam

The Arboretum is saying goodbye to one of our State Champion trees—the European Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus* 'Fastigiata' Accession # 1043\*A). The tree is located on the west side of Ben Cherrington Hall and will be removed sometime this summer to make way for an exciting new addition to the building. The tree has grown to an impressive and healthy height of 45 ft since its planting in 1966, making it the tallest of its kind in the entire state of Colorado. While our State Champion will be missed, the collection still has 13 other European Hornbeams that are currently in good health. Plus, with new construction always comes new plantings and the opportunity to explore and diversify the Arboretum collection. Stay tuned for news on new plantings in this area and let's enjoy our beautiful European Hornbeam till then!



A CASE STUDY OF ECOLOGICAL CHANGE IN THE AMERICAN WEST

## TAMARIX

Edited By Anna Sher & Martin F. Quigley



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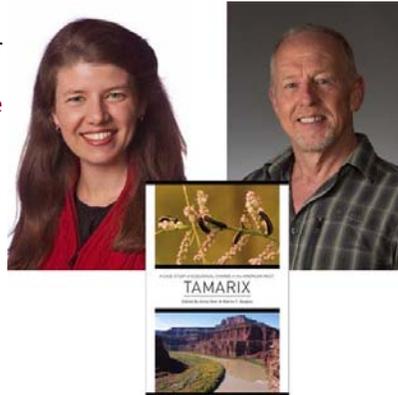
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## Tamarix: A Case Study of Ecological Change in the American West

Our very own Arboretum Director Dr. Martin Quigley and colleague Dr. Anna Sher have edited the first ever volume devoted to the ecology of the genus **Tamarix: A Case Study of Ecological Change in the American West**. The invasive species Tamarix first attracted the public eye in the 1990's when it was suspected of contributing to widespread drought and wildfires in the Western United States. Once purported to consume as much water as entire cities, very few plant species have received as much scientific, public, and political discussion and debate as Tamarix. Written



by 44 of the field's most prominent scholars and scientists, this volume compiles 25 essays on this fascinating species--its biology, ecology, politics, management, and the ethical issues involved with designating a particular species as "good" or "bad". The book analyzes the controversy surrounding the Tamarisk's role in our ecosystems and what should be done about it.

Their book is available on [Amazon](#) and directly from [Oxford University Press](#).



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