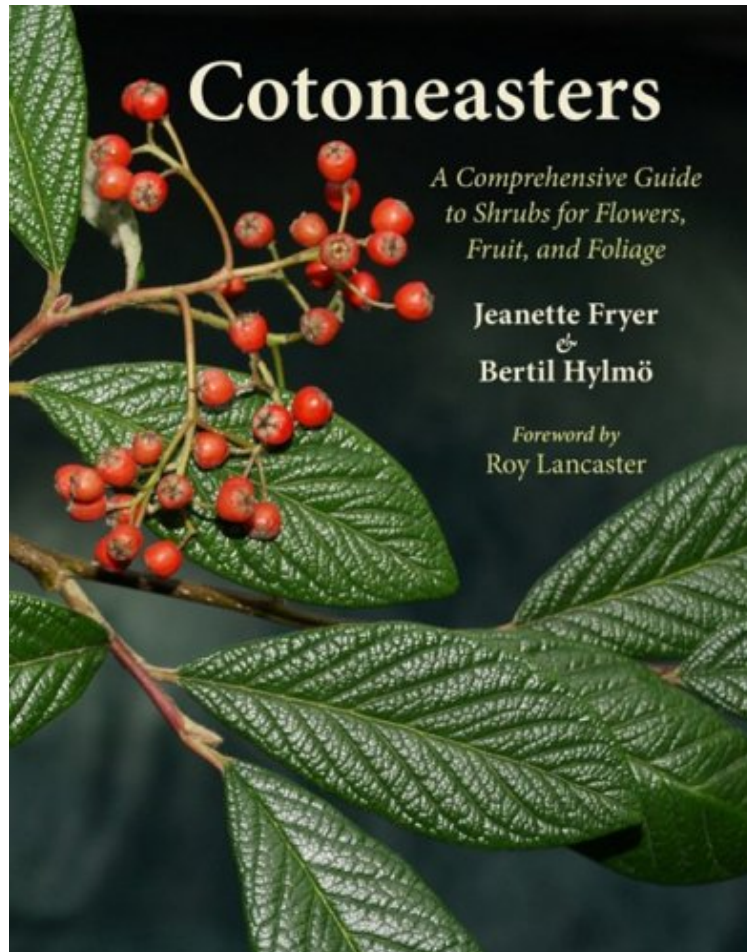


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[This book] is the masterwork on the family, backed by 50 years of careful study. It is worth the effort a goldmine at a modest price that ought to widen gardeners practice. (Financial Times) About the Author Jeanette Fryer is a Fellow of the Linnean Society of London and holder of the NCCPG (National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens) Scientific Collection of *Cotoneaster*. She grows around 350 species plus 45 cultivars in two separate identical collections in Hampshire, England -- one at the family nursery, Rumsey Gardens, the other at her home in Froxfield. Jeanette was awarded the Royal Horticultural Society's Lindley Medal for her scientific work on the genus *Cotoneaster*. Bertil Hylm (1915-2001) earned a doctorate in botany, genetics, and microbiology at the University of Lund, Sweden, and over 40 years developed an exceptional living and herbarium collection of *Cotoneaster* at his home in Bjuv, Sweden. He created a classification system for the genus and, with Karl Evert Flinck, established a project for DNA research into the more difficult species. In 2003, the University of Alnarp in Sweden dedicated a *Cotoneaster* arboretum to Hylm's memory and to continue his work with this genus. Author photo by Peter Hylm.