

THE ODBALLS

SEED DETECTIVE

PRESENTS

SEEDS UNDERGROUND

Blessed are the weird seeds: the myrmecophytes, the pyrophytes, the moss gaminators, symbionts, the protracted, or the pernickety, or reliable-but-precariously-prone-to-die... for they keep growers humble. -Magikorn

There are so many ODBALLS IN THE PLANT WORLD, AND I LIVE FOR THOSE MOMENTS WHEN I CRACK THE CODE. WHEN I COULD CHEAT WITH GIBBERELINS, BUT I WANT TO FIGURE THEM OUT. THEY ARE MORE THAN JUST CHEMICAL REACTIONS TO ME. LIFE IS MORE THAN JUST ATOMS. WE DON'T KNOW EVERYTHING, AND THAT'S OK.

(SAVE SOME FOR DISCARDING HUMANS...)

I THINK WE LOSE A PART OF WHAT MAKES US HUMAN WHEN WE STRIVE FOR GOD-LIKE POWER. THE PUSH FOR EFFICIENCY AND PERFECTION IS HURTING US. I AM PERFECTLY IMPERFECT. SO ARE MY PLANTS. MY FAILURES MAKE MY SUCCESSES MORE MEANINGFUL.

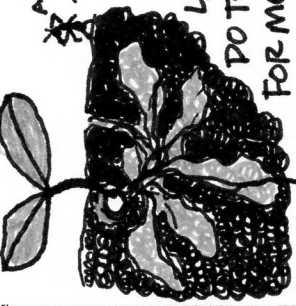
There is something about seeds that keeps me OBSESSED... maybe you, too? Some are EASY and RELIABLE. Always sow some of these so you don't feel like a TOTAL failure.

But some... these are the ones that keep us awake at night... NO MATTER WHAT WE'RE DOING, WE CAN'T STOP THINKING. What do they want? What do they need? What would Nature do? I CAN'T GIVE UP ON THEM...

Parasitic + hemiparasitic seed will usually germinate w/o a host, BUT if they do not have a viable host w/in days - weeks (at best) they perish. Some are very picky about their host. MOSS GERMINATORS most ericaceous species, bog plants, and a few others germinate best on a bed of moss. Moss is nature's Mica. These precious babies need consistent moisture, access to light, but not too much, and soothing lullabies to grow... but if it is so rewarding when they do. (I'M KIDDING ABOUT LULLABIES, BUT WHY NOT?)

MYRMECOPHYTES "ant plants" (but not only dispersed by ants, sometimes wasps + others) it's like whipped cream or some other frosting that is UTTERLY IRRESISTIBLE TO CERTAIN INSECTS (MOSTLY ANTS)

ANYHHH!! YOUO THAT'S MY HOUSE!! I JUST LET THE ANTS DO THE WORK FOR ME. THERE'S SOME BEEF OR FRANK PLANTS HAVE WITH ANTS AND I'M NOT GETTING IN THE MIDDLE OF IT. #GET IT'S THE APHIDS...



PHIZOBIA are NITROGEN-FIXING BACTERIA which form mutualistic relationships with SOME legumes. Other such partnerships exist. These plants will germinate but struggle without their cohorts. (a pinch of soil helps. Fertilizers don't help much...) ORCHIDS and some other native species (for example Chimaphila sp.) depend on mycorrhizal connections to thrive. Orchids will not germinate without them except in special, controlled environments (lager, flasks, etc.)

USUALLY PLANTS THAT ARE FIRE-ADAPTED... WHEN IT COMES TO SEED... THEY NEED FIRE TO GERMINATE. BOILING WATER usually does the trick, but some need Liquid Smoke (you can trick them) it's pyroligneous acid

WHY GERMINATE WHEN THERE'S COMPETITION? BETTER TO WAIT UNTIL THE GROUND IS CLEARED.

FIRE SUPPRESSION HAS THREATENED THESE SPECIES. PESTRANCE IS NATURAL.

