

Date: Thu, 04 Jan 2001
To: MULCH-L@cornell.edu
From: Donald Kass
Subject: Re: Source of *Tephrosia vogelii*

Dear Albert,

CIAT should have some seed. That's where I got mine from. Try e.barrios@cgiar.org. I have a couple of kgs of seed but I will need it for research. Still, it is a prolific seed producer and you can probably get several tons from a few kilos--the seeds are small-- in less than a year. Apparently, they are using it in Vietnam with considerable success. The insecticidal properties are fairly well documented--apparently you just have to leave the leaves in water overnight and spray with the water the next day. It also fixes N--we are going to look at P releasing properties. Maybe the days of Tithonia and mucuna are numbered.

Happy New year to all.

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