

**Solutions to the cryptograms for the *Conifers of  
the World* celebration.**

1. When I started this book, I naively thought that it would be a relatively easy matter to bring together and present the information I wished to convey. I guessed this might take perhaps as long as two or three years. More than a dozen years later, it would appear that my time expectations were rather optimistic. — James E. Eckenwalder, preface to *Conifers of the World*
2. Jim and Susan wish especially to thank the following people for your amazing support and assistance: Ron and Nancy Dengler, Tim Dickinson, Deb Metzger, Janet Mockler, Takashi Sawa, and Spencer Barrett.
3. Systematists will have only to decide (not that this will be easy) whether any form be sufficiently constant and distinct from other forms, to be capable of definition; and if definable, whether the differences be sufficiently important to deserve a specific name. This latter point will become a far more essential consideration than it is at present. — Charles Darwin, *Origin of the Species*
4. As the poet said, only God can make a tree — probably because it's so hard to figure out how to get the bark on. — Woody Allen
5. "Well begun is half done" and "all's well that ends well" became two of Susan's favorite aphorisms over the years.
6. A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds. — Jim's favorite saying by Ralph Waldo Emerson
7. An ignorant trunk-sniffing cur  
Could not tell a pine from a fir  
Till a bitch at him hurled  
Conifers of the World  
By that brilliant James Eckenwalder.  
— I. D. Doggerel
8. I think that I shall never see  
A billboard lovely as a tree.  
Indeed, unless the billboards fall,  
I'll never see a tree at all. — Ogden Nash
9. Every creature is better alive than dead, man and moose and pine trees, and he who understands it aright will rather preserve its life than destroy it. — Henry David Thoreau