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WINTER SOLSTICE

by Margie Snowden North

Under lead skies the
miniature wildwood of
dwarfish shinnery,
winter-dead,
sits in a sea of nut-brown acorns and
cast-off leaves
that scatter outward through wisps of
buffalo grass and color-drained wildflowers.
Quail scurry into that earthtone sanctuary,
the only stirring of life.
They blend motionlessly.

All earth is
quiescent, an unending monotone of
dull browns and grays,
awaiting in silence that re-awakening
which comes with spring. ■

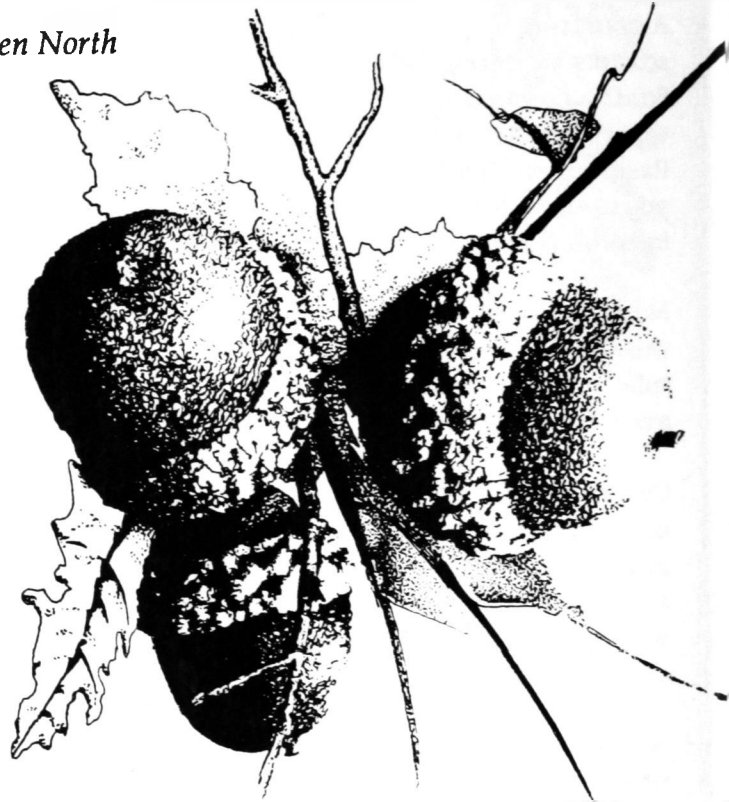


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