

found growing on an island in the marsh in close proximity to *V. recognitum* Fern.

Voucher specimens dated September 23, 1968 have been deposited in the Herbarium of the University of Rhode Island.

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NOTES ON RECENT BOOKS

Nightshades — The Paradoxical Plants by Charles B. Heiser, Jr., W. H. Freeman and Company, San Francisco. 1969.

This anecdotal yet authoritative little book on the Solanaceae is intentionally aimed at the popular market. The treatment of the genera is rather uneven. Many of the "old wives tales" associated with some of the species are discussed often without seeming resolution. The chapter on Burbank and the "Wonderberry" is unduly labored and prolonged.

The discussions of the geographical and genetic origins of cultivated members of the family, along with a useful bibliography, are valuable parts of the book from the botanist's viewpoint.

Handbook of North American Nut Trees, Richard A. Jaynes, Editor. Humphrey Press, Geneva, N. Y. 1969.

This is a horticultural book and without much doubt has the most authoritative sources of cultural information on nut trees that are now being grown or can be grown in this country. The contributors are specialists in their fields.

There is much for the botanist, especially the discussions of natural and extended ranges of our native species and the records of spontaneous hybrids.

What may be the final report on *Castanea dentata* is included in the chapter on chestnuts by the two greatest authorities on this almost extinct and once noble member of our flora.

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