

Rono. Maine,

June 5, 1898

Dear D. Robinson:

I seem to have left
Cambridge for a rainy country; at any
rate it has rained here most of the time
since I came, though the sun comes out
now and then for a short time. I never
saw vegetation so advanced at this
season, nor so luxuriant. Choke Cherries
and Thorns are nearly out of flower
and the herbaceous things seem to me
at least a week ahead of those about
Boston. Hieracium is in flower and
Zizia aurea is already well fruited.
I have gathered Autumnalis until
I have no more available driers for them
- all the forms we get about Cambridge
and big plantaginifolias two feet tall, I
am delighted to find A. neglecta
var. subcorymbosa in great abundance

everywhere with neglecta bases and
neodiorica inflorescences. A. Paulinii
var. ambigenus is common, and there
is another common plant on the sandy
and gravelly lanes, growing very tall,
with long pedicelled heads, cauline
leaves small and scattered, and beautiful
glossy Paulinii-like base leaves; with,
however, not a trace of glands. I am
puzzled to know whether to call it
a variety of plantaginifolia or a distinct
species.

The varieties of A. neodiorica
seen well marked but only as varieties.

I have three forms of Ranunculus abortivus
including fine specimens of var. encyclus;
and the blue violets are proving of a great
deal more interest than I ever supposed
before. Yesterday I got the dull cucullate
leaved plant of the meadows, the ovata
form of sagittata, and three other forms
apparently quite distinct, especially
a plant of the dry upland woods with
glossy dark leaves and pubescent scapes
& petioles.

Tuesday I go to Dover to investigate
the flowering Anemone riparia, and
Tuesday I start for three weeks in the
Acrostock.

The collecting thus far has been very
satisfactory for in the two days I have
been out I have got five species new to
Kaine - excluding Antennaria and Viola.

My address will be here through the month,
and mail will be forwarded to me at least
once a week when I make my whereabouts-
known.

Should the Antennaria paper come out soon
will you kindly send me half a dozen
copies.

Hope everything goes well
at the Herbarium. Regards to Mr.

Greenman.

Cordially yours

Herbert L. Fernald

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