

group. Very generally and widely cultivated in Japanese gardens, *Prunus subhirtella* is not known anywhere in a wild state. The collection of Cherries is on the right-hand side of the road entering by the Forest Hills Gate.

**Forsythias.** A year ago the flower-buds on many of these plants had been destroyed by the severe cold of the previous winter, now they are all blooming as freely as usual. The handsomest of these plants at this time is a hybrid between two of these species, *Forsythia suspensa Fortunei* and *F. viridissima*, known as *F. intermedia*. There are several forms of this hybrid. The one called *F. intermedia primulina*, with pale canary yellow flowers, a seedling which sprang up spontaneously in the Arboretum a few years ago, is one of the most beautiful of these hybrid forms. *F. europaea*, a vigorous hardy plant with erect branches, is perhaps less beautiful in flower than the Chinese species but is interesting as an European representative of a genus otherwise confined to China and Korea. There is a collection of Forsythias in the Shrub Collection and a large mass of them at the lower end of the Bussey Hill Road.

**Azaleas.** The first of these plants to flower is *Rhododendron mucronulatum* (all the Azaleas are now called Rhododendrons). It is a tall, perfectly hardy, erect shrub with erect slender branches. The flowers are rose color and appear before the leaves. It has been in the Arboretum for more than thirty years but has not before flowered so freely as it has this spring. There is a large group of these plants on the lower side of Azalea Path, and although the flowers are beginning to fade it is well worth an early visit. Another Azalea from northeastern Asia, *Rhododendron dahuricum*, with rather smaller, darker colored flowers than the last to which it is closely related, has never flowered so well before in the Arboretum. There is a group of these plants on the upper side of Azalea Path.

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