

Erica carnea. In the Shrub Collection this Heath and its white-flowered variety are already in bloom. It is a common European plant which grows not more than five or six inches high but spreads into broad mats, and is the only one of the true Heaths which is really hardy in this climate. It is an excellent plant for the edging of beds and for the spring rock garden.

Alnus hirsuta. To persons who know Alders only as they grow naturally in New England these plants are small or large shrubs, but the common European Alder, *Alnus glutinosa*, is at its best a large tree; there are two large tree Alders in the Pacific states and another in Arizona and Mexico, and in Japan and eastern Siberia some of the species are trees. One of these, *Alnus hirsuta*, should be better known for it is perfectly hardy here and has grown more rapidly than any other Japanese trees raised from the seeds brought from Japan by Professor Sargent in 1892. In the Arboretum it is a shapely tree already more than thirty feet high, with smooth, lustrous pale gray bark and spreading branches, and large dark green leaves. Two plants of this Alder now in bloom can be seen on the right-hand side of the Meadow Road in front of the Linden Group. In Japan it is often a tree sixty or seventy feet tall with a trunk two feet in diameter, and there appears to be no reason why it should not grow as large in this country. Of all the tree Alders in the collection it has the most promise of long life and large size, and it should prove a good tree in the northern states to ornament the borders of streams and ponds. In Japan this tree furnishes wood used for many purposes.

The Japanese Cherry-trees in the Arboretum promise a full bloom and will be in flower in about ten days when there will be an opportunity to see here some of the most beautiful of all spring-flowering trees.

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