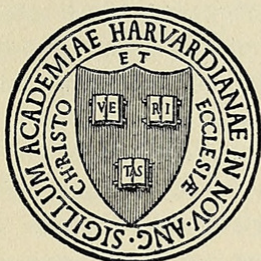


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Ash-trees. Judging by the number of inquiries sent to the Arboretum about these trees there is so much interest in them that we reprint the following article on the subject which appeared in one of these Bulletins several years ago:

Fraxinus is the name of the genus to which all Ash-trees belong, although it may be well to say that the trees called Mountain Ashes are not Ashes but belong to the genus *Sorbus*, a member of the Rose Family and closely related to the Pears, Apples and Chokeberries. Ash-trees occur in nearly every temperate part of the Northern Hemisphere, but are more abundant in species in eastern North America than in other parts of the world. Ash-trees fall naturally into two groups; the flowers of those of the first group are furnished with narrow white petals (*Ornus*) and the flowers of those in the second group are destitute of petals. The best known tree of the first group is the little tree called Manna Ash or Flowering Ash (*Fraxinus Ornus*), a native of southeastern Europe which has long been an inhabitant of the gardens of western Europe. It grows well in the middle Atlantic states, but has never been a success in the Arboretum where a tree which had flowered in 1917 was killed to the ground by the extreme cold of the following winter. Three of the flowering Ashes are natives of the United States, *Fraxinus cuspidata*, *F. Greggii* of the Mexican boundary region and *F. dipetala* of the mountain valleys of California. These three plants are not in the Arboretum collection where they would not be hardy, but *Ornus* is well represented here by two eastern Asiatic species, *F. Bungeana*, a small shrub from northern China which



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