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### WINTER INJURY IN THE ARNOLD ARBORETUM, 1942-43

LOW temperatures during the past winter have caused considerable injury to trees and shrubs in the Arnold Arboretum, more injury than at any other time since the severe winter of 1933-34, when temperatures in Boston reached an all-time low. Last winter there were no strong winds, the soil was sufficiently moist at the time of freezing so that damage cannot be blamed on lack of moisture then. A study of the temperature records during the ten year period since 1933 demonstrates that significant winter injury can be expected every year when temperatures of below zero are recorded at the Arboretum greenhouses.

A complete listing was made of the plants suffering injury during the past winter and the lists of deciduous trees and shrubs are reproduced in this bulletin. A list of all plants suffering winter injury during the winter of 1941-42 is included since this was a very mild winter and excellent comparisons can thus be made. Not many evergreens were injured, and complete notes on them are to be found in Arnoldia **3**: 21-23, 1943. In studying these lists, another group of lists should also be studied, these being made by Arnold Arboretum staff members after the severe winter of 1933-34 and published in the Bulletin of Popular Information, Series 4, Volume II, Nos. 7, 8, 9, 11, pp. 29-47; 55-60, 1934. These combined lists thus form a rather complete picture of the kind and amount of injury to be expected in mild and severe winters at the Arnold Arboretum.

#### **Minimum temperatures**

Maximum and minimum temperature readings are taken daily at the Arboretum greenhouses. It is interesting to note that a study of these shows that temperatures of below zero have been recorded in only three winters since 1933, and each time plants suffered considerable winter injury. The minimum temperature of the 1933-34 winter was  $-17^{\circ}$  F., during 1934-35 it was  $-8^{\circ}$  F., and the minimum for last winter was  $-13^{\circ}$  F. Winter injury may be due to any one of several factors, or to a combination of them, but from a study of the temperatures and the reactions of the plants themselves it is safe to predict that serious injury will occur to plants when the temperatures drop below zero. By injury is meant the actual killing of flower buds, twigs, and branches. The typical "burning" of evergreen foliage can occur any winter regardless of the low temperature. If the ground is frozen and the air temperatures during the day are considerably higher than during the preceding night and high winds blow, optimum conditions for burning evergreen foliage occur. The minimum temperatures recorded at the Arboretum greenhouses are given below. These vary only a few degrees from the U.S. Weather Bureau official figures for Boston. It is interesting to note that on only seven days in 1933-34 and six days in 1942-43 did the minimum temperatures fall below zero. Only one other time did the temperature go below zero since 1933, and that was seven days in January and February, 1935.

1933	1942
December 28 –4	December 17 -4
29 - 17	19 - 7
30 -14	20 -10
	21 -5
1934	1943
February 7 –2	February 15 -13
8 0	16 -11
9 -18	
10 -3	
14 -4	

In comparing the amount of injury done in these two winters, it should be kept in mind that there were consistently high winds throughout the winter of 1933-34 which must have added materially to the killing of twigs and branches. There were no high winds last winter, nor was the soil too dry when it froze in the fall. However, there are 260 acres in the Arboretum grounds and temperatures are not uniform over the whole area. For instance, on December 29, 1933, when the thermometer at the greenhouse registered  $-17^{\circ}$  F., one in the shrub collection a few hundred feet away (but considerably lower) registered  $-26^{\circ}$  F. It is a known fact that injury is always more severe in the shrub collection on account of its low situation without sufficient air drainage.

There is a question concerning the time the damage is actually done. It will be noted that in both years the temperatures were below zero in December and February, and hence, theoretically, the damage could have occurred at either time. One instance seems to show that it may be the February cold spell which did the killing in 1942–43. Forsythia branches were taken in the greenhouse and forced after Christmas in December, 1942, and the flowers eventually came out in profusion, while branches cut again in late February failed to bloom. We also know that dormancy of many plants is a great deal more difficult to break by forcing in the greenhouse in December than it is in February. However, this interesting problem as to the exact time injury takes place should be investigated further.

#### **Explanation of lists**

The following lists constitute a complete survey of winter injury in the Arnold Arboretum during the past two winters, one a very mild winter and one a severe winter. Many of the plants killed to the ground are sending out new buds from ground level and will grow again; a few were killed completely, although it is still too early to determine this in all cases. *Albizzia julibrissin rosea*, for instance, suffered considerable injury. It was not until after June 6 that any branches showed life at all. On the other hand, *Styrax Obassia* showed a normal growth of young shoots when examined on June 1, but after that date all new shoots suddenly withered and died, thus indicating injury to the cambium layers of the main trunk.

The plants growing in the Arboretum are divided into four groups, depending upon how seriously they were injured, i.e., plants killed to the ground, plants partially injured, flower buds only injured, and plants uninjured. It will be noted that some of the names are followed by percentages in parentheses. This is the amount of injury occurring in the winter of 1941–42, and all plants injured during that season are so designated. It may be assumed that all other plants not so designated were uninjured during that winter. Though some discrepancies in the figures are difficult to explain, in most cases the injury in 1941–42 was considerably less than in 1942-43. There was a much larger number of plants injured last winter than the previous one.

In the second list the percentage figures without the parentheses represent the approximate amount of twigs and branches killed. This naturally varies among the plants and the places where they are growing in the Arboretum, but the figures given are comparable.

In the third list, plants with flower buds killed, the percentages not in parentheses represent the approximate number of flower buds on the entire plant which were killed. It is reasonable to surmise that those plants listed as having more than fifty per cent of their branches killed would also have few, if any, flowers. Plants in this group are naturally those in which the flower buds are formed during the previous summer and are thus present all winter. It will be noted that such plants normally bloom from early spring to mid-June, including some of our most colorful ornamentals, among which are the forsythias, the oriental cherries, the magnolias, the wisterias, the azaleas, and the rhododendrons. Plants blooming later in the summer usually form their flower buds on the current year's growth.

All species at present growing in the Arboretum, not included in these lists, were uninjured by the winter cold. However, the mere listing of these would take too much space and would serve no important need; there is, of course, always the question, especially in the minds of those not familiar with the Arnold Arboretum, as to whether a certain species is actually growing there. To emphasize the fact that certain questionable plants did come through last winter unin-

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jured, a fourth list has been included. Not all plants of the thousands of uninjured ones could be included in this publication, but the few in the fourth list may prove to be of interest to those who are interested in hardy trees and shrubs.

## I. PLANTS KILLED TO THE GROUND DURING THE WINTER OF 1942-43

(The heights given represent the size of the plants killed. The fact that a six foot plant is killed to the ground represents a considerably greater injury than the killing of a younger plant of the same species which is only one foot high. The figures in parentheses denote the percentage in amount of winter injury during the comparatively mild winter of 1941-42.)

Abelia Engleriana 5' Goucheri 1' grandiflora 5' Acanthopanax leucorrhizus 7' Acer japonicum aconitifolium 10' Oliverianum 4' Actinidia chinensis 2' melanandra 4'(80)polygama 4' Alnus Maximowiczii 2' Amorpha croceo-lanata fruticosa tennessensis glabra Baccharis halimifolia 6' (20) Berberis aggregata Prattii 5' (15) recurvata 3'(30)"Autumn Cheer" 3' Beaniana 5' buxifolia nana 3' candidula 1' Chenaultii 3' Fendleri "Fireflame" 4' Gagnepainii 3' polyantha 3' rubrostilla 2' Sargentiana 5' Wilsonae Stapfiana 6' (30) subcaulialata 5' Berchemia racemosa 8' (80) Buddleia - all except alternifolia

Callicarpa - all species in collection 6-8'(25)Campsis grandiflora Thunbergii 2' (80)**Ceanothus** pallidus roseus 2'(40)Celastrus gemmata 6' (90) hypoleuca 6'(80)Celtis Tournefortii 3' Chaenomeles lagenaria cathayensis 3'(90)**Clematis** species and varieties 6-8' **Clerodendron** trichotomum 10' (80) Colutea - all species and varieties 6-8' (20 - 80)Coronilla Emerus 4' Corylopsis platypetala 10' spicata 6' Veitchiana 10' Cotoneaster affinis bacillaris 8' amoena 2'conspicua 4' microphylla  $1\frac{1}{2}'$ rotundifolia 3' rubens 3' salicifolia rugosa 4' Cytisus "Burbank hybrids" 6' (20) sessilifolius 8' Decaisnea Fargesii 6' (40) Deutzia "Avalanche" 4' candelabrum 5' candida 4'(40)

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Deutzia carnea 3' (40) densiflora 4'(25)stellata 4' "Contraste" 6' elegantissima 6' fasciculata 4' (60) glomeruliflora 5' hypoleuca 3'(80)kalmiaeflora 2' longifolia and vars. 4'(50)"Magicien" 3' magnifica and vars. 3'-9' (60) mollis 4' "Mirabilis" 5' myriantha 8' reflexa 3' rosea and vars. 4'-6'(80)scabra and most vars. 4'-6' (30) Sieboldiana and var. 5'Vilmorinae 3' Dipelta floribunda 12' ventricosa 5' Fraxinus Paxiana 4' Gaylussacia brachycera 1' Genista cinerea 2' Grewia biloba 10' (90) Helwingia japonica 4' Hovenia dulcis 25' Hydrangea arborescens and vars. 3' cinerea and var. 3'quercifolia 4'(15)radiata 2' Ilex Aquifolium 3' yunnanensis ("large leaf") 1' ("small leaf" - no injury) Indigofera amblyantha 10' Kerria japonica and vars. 4' (25-80) Lagerstroemia indica (Cole's "hardy" variety) 3' Lavandula officinalis 1' Lespedeza bicolor 4' japonica 6' Thunbergii 6'

Ligustrum acuminatum macrocarpum ovalifolium aureo-marginatum (50)sinense 10'(30)Lindera obtusiloba 10' praecox 12'**Lonicera** affinis pubescens 5'(70)alseuosmoides 1' dioica 3' etrusca 3'(70)gynochlamydea 5'(40)Henryi 2' involucrata serotina 4'(20)Myrtillus 2'(60)obovata 3' orientalis longifolia 10' (25) Periclymenum belgica 4'(50)quinquelocularis 9'(25)translucens 8' saccata (50)Standishii lancifolia 6' Marsdenia erecta 3' Meliosma Beaniana 15' Neillia ribesioides 7' sinensis 3'(30)Parrotiopsis Jacquemontiana 8' Periploca laevigata 8' Philadelphus argyrocalyx 3' "Dame Blanche" 4' (30) Lemoinei "Coupe d'Argent" 3' subcanus 6'(50)Photinia Beauverdiana notabilis 4' Physocarpus capitatus 6' (15) Pleioblastus distichus 3' Polygonum baldschuanicum 3' Prunus Laurocerasus schipkaensis 4' Quercus kewensis 4' Rhamnella franguloides 4' Rhododendron indicum laciniatum 1' "Katie" 2' "Nellie" 2' Rosa Brunonii 2' Davidi 2' Henryi 2'

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Rosa Luciae 2' mollis 2'(60)"Morica" 3' Noisettiana 3'(40)omeiensis chrysocarpa 2'(30)pteracantha (70)sempervirens  $1\frac{1}{2}'$ Serafinii 1'(50)Woodsii and var. 2' Sasa senanensis 6'(50)Sophora viciifolia 8' (20) Spiraea albiflora (40)Blumei 4'(15)brachybotrys 3' (25) Bumalda Froebeli 2' (25) japonica microphylla 2'(50)ruberrima 2' Miyabei glabrata 3' (30)

mollifolia 7' revirescens 3' (70) rubra 3' Sargentiana 5' Zabeliana 4' Stephanandra incisa 5'(50)Tanakae 4' Vaccinium Vitis-idaea 1' Viburnum buddleifolium 6' ovatifolium 10' rhytidophyllum and var. 4'-9' Vitex Negundo incisa 6'-8' Vitis Piasezkii Pagnuccii 8' pulchra 8'(90)Weigela hortensis 5' japonica sinica 7'**Zanthoxylum** simulans 3'(90)

II. PLANTS PARTIALLY INJURED DURING THE WINTER OF 1942-43 (The figures represent percentage in amount of winter injury; the figures in parentheses denote the amount of winter injury during the comparatively mild winter of 1941-42.)

Acanthopanax setchuenensis 95 Simonii 50 ternatus 95 Albizzia julibrissin rosea 50-98? Amorpha brachycarpa 90 canescens 50 fruticosa 75 nana 80 Artemisia sacrorum 25 Berberis aemulans 75 aggregata 80 'Barbarossa'' 10 dictyophylla 50 Julianae 90 morrisoniensis 50 triacanthophora 80 verruculosa 50 vulgaris atropurpurea 25 wokingensis 50

**Calluna** vulgaris vars. 10-50 (10-50) Calycanthus fertilis 25 floridus ovatus 50 Caragana Boisii 15 Chamlagu 50 densa 50 frutex 20 pekinensis 25 **Ceanothus** americanus 75(40)ovatus 25 pubescens 40 **Cephalanthus** occidentalis 90 (50) Cercis chinensis 50 Chaenomeles lagenaria "Cardinalis" 10 'Marmorata'' 40 Wilsonii 50 superba 25 (20) Chionanthus virginicus 30

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Clethra acuminata 5 alnifolia 10 Corema Conradii 25 (30) Cornus australis Koenigii 50 **Cotoneaster** apiculata 50 (30)Dielsiana 50 Henryana 75 horizontalis 50 perpusilla 50 Wilsonii 75 rotundifolia 50 Zabeli 50 Corylopsis pauciflora 50 Cyrilla racemiflora 50 Cytisus praecox 75 purgans 75 supinus 75 Davidia involucrata 50 ? Deutzia candelaburm fastuosa 25 discolor 50 major 50 gracilis 75(30)hypoglauca 75(30)Lemoinei 30 compacta 30(30)parviflora ovatifolia 25 scabra "Pride of Rochester" 50 Schneideriana laxiflora 75 Diervilla rivularis 20 (20) Erica carnea 90 Euptelea polyandra 25 Evodia Daniellii 30 Exochorda Korolkowi 30 racemosa 25 Fontanesia Fortunei 50 Forsythia suspensa 10 Gaylussacia baccata 10 glaucocarpa 20 dumosa 90 frondosa 10 Genista radiata 50 (25) Hamamelis macrophylla 50

Helianthemum nummularium vars. 50 Hypericum densiflorum 50 frondosum 20 (60) Kalmianum 20 prolificum 20 Iberis saxatilis 30 sempervirens 50 Idesia polycarpa 50 Ilex crenata 50 decidua 50 (90) rugosa 75 serrata 75 (40)Itea virginica 80(50)Jamesia americana 10 Laburnocytisus Adami 75 Leucothoe racemosa 10 Ligustrum acuminatum 10 ibolium 25 Ibota nana 80 insulare 25 obtusifolium 25 ovalifolium 75 Quihoui 10 pendulum 50 vulgare 30 "Lodense" 75 pyramidale 50 sempervirens 50 Lindera Benzoin 30 Liquidambar Styraciflua rotundiloba 30 (This is a small plant obtained from North Carolina) Lonicera alpigena 10 Altmannii pilosiuscula 10 chrysantha Regeliana 10 deflexicalyx 50 (30) fragrantissima 25 Heckrottii 30 heteroloba 10 Korolkovii 30 microphylla 25 Morrowii 10

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Lonicera Purpusii 10 syringantha 50 thibetica 10 Vilmorinii 50 (70) Webbiana 30 xylosteoides 10 Lycium chinensis 10 (20) halimifolium 50 (25) ruthenicum 50 Lyonia mariana 40 (40)Myrica Gale 50 Paulownia tomentosa, small trees to ground, large trees only 25 Periploca graeca angustifolia 75 Pertya sinensis 75 Philadelphus "Bonje" 75 Burkwoodii 90 coronarius pumilus 50 cymosus "Conquête" 25 (40) cymosus "Nuée Blanche" 25 "Rosace" 25 (30) Lemoinei 50 (20)"Amalthea" 50 "Avalanche" 50 "Belle Etoile" 90 (50) erectus 50 "Innocence" 50 (25) "Mont Blane" 50 Lewisii 75 "Magdalenae" 50 nepalensis 25 (20) "Norma" 25 "Pavillon Blanc" 50 purpureo-maculatus "Sybille" sericanthus 50(30)"Sylvanae" 75 virginalis "Argentine" 10 (80) "Glacier" 80 Physocarpus intermedius parvifolius 10 stellatus 50 (20) Poncirus trifoliata 50

Potentilla fruticosa 30 micrandra 10 ochroleuca 25 parvifolia 25 (40) tenuiloba 10 Veitchii 10 Prunus concinna 25 Fontanesiana 25 Persica and vars. 50 (except var. pendula which was uninjured) pilosiuscula 60. pumila susquehanae 25 serrula 20 serrulata, no vars. had any flowers and all apparently suffered severe twig injury as evidenced by many leaf buds failing to open by June 1 "Kwanzan" 75 subhirtella 50 autumnalis, intermittent injury all along twigs pendula 50 Pterocarya hupehensis 50 Pyracantha coccinea Lalandii, foliage only killed Quercus Schochiana 50 Rhododendron obtusum japonicum hybrids 25-100 Arnoldianum 10 Kaempferi 10 Rhodotypos scandens 50 **Ribes** diacanthum 25 futurum 50 (30) petraeum Biebersteinii 50 robustum 50 Rosa arvensis 50 caudata 50 centifolia 50 foetida bicolor 25 Helenae 50

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Rosa Lheritierana 75 multibracteata 50 multiflora 10 rugosa "Max Graf" 50 "Rustica" 10 (30) spinosissima fulgens 50 pimpinellifolia 10 "Plato" 50 "Pythagoras" 25 (40) Watsoniana 50(50)Wichuraiana 75 Rubus deliciosus 50 (20) Securinega suffruticosa 50 Sorbaria arborea vars. 10-95 sorbifolia vars. 50-75 Spiraea alba 50 arcuata 50 arguta 25 betulifolia 50 (30)Billiardii 50 (50) cantoniensis 75(60)chamaedryfolia 30 cinerea 30(30)corvmbosa 50 Douglasii 50 (25) fontenaysii alba 10 rosea 25 Foxii 50 Fritschiana 30 gemmata 25 Henryi 50 hypercifolia and var. 25(20)inflexa 25 (20) japonica 10 atrosanguinea 50 (40)ovalifolia 25 (50) laevigata 50 latifolia 25 (30) lucida 10 Margaritae 50 media and var. 25 Menziesii 50 multiflora 25

nipponica 50 nudiflora 10 oxvodon 20 pachystachys 50(30)prunifolia 25 pubescens 10 pyramidata 30 Rosthornii 90 salicifolia 20 Schinabeckii 50 semperflorens 75 superba 50 trilobata 50 uratensis 25 Vanhouttei 20 Veitchii 20 virginiana serrulata 10 Staphylea colchica and vars. 75 Stewartia sinensis 50 Symphoricarpos albus laevigatus 10 (15)Chenaultii 75 (40) hesperius 50 orbiculatus and var. 50(30)Syringa emodi 50 Taxus chinensis 30 Ulmus carpinifolia Dampieri 10 suberosa 10 hollandica 30 major 30 Vaccinium corymbosum 10 hirsutum 25 Viburnum Burkwoodii 2 erosum 25 (20) erubescens 90 hupehense 80 Vitex Agnus-castus alba 50 (90) Doaniana 50 Weigela "André Thouin" 20 (80) "E. André" 10 (60) florida 10 "Congo" 25 variegata 25 (80)

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Weigela "Marc Tellier" 10 "Pres. Duchartre" 20 "Seduction" 50 "Vanhouttei" 50 (70)

"Verschaffelti" 20 (35) Zanthoxylum schinifolium 50 Zenobia pulverulenta 50 (20) Zizyphus jujuba 10

## III. PLANTS WITH FLOWER BUDS ONLY INJURED DURING THE WINTER OF 1942-1943

#### Figures denote percentage of injury

Abeliophyllum distichum 0-75 Amelanchier canadensis 15-50 Cornus florida 25 Flower clusters have the two bracts (outside of bud) injured and stunted in many cases. Corylopsis glabrescens 100 Daphne Mezereum 100 Forsythia europaea 10-90 japonica saxatilis 50 ovata 75 ×europaea 50-75 all others 100 Hamamelis mollis 100 Lonicera fragrantissima 75 praeflorens 100 Magnolia denudata 10 Soulangeana "Alexandrina" 30 "Candolleana" 25 "Norbertiana" 25 rubra 75 stellata 25 Pieris japonica 100 Prunus apetala 95 avium 90 canescens 90 cerasifera and vars. 95 concinna 100 cyclamina 100 Davidiana and vars. 100 incisa and vars. 75-90 insititia 99

Juddii 90 mandshurica 75 Maximowiczii 100 nipponica kurilensis 75-95 Sargenti 75-90 Schmittii 90 serrula 100 serrulata and most vars. 90-100 tomentosa and vars. 90 triloba multiplex 99 yedoensis 100 Rhododendron arbutifolium 90 catawbiense, many hybrids 25-75 "Cunningham's White" 100 dauricum 100 sempervirens 100 Fortunei hybrids 20-100 gandavense many vars. 75 indicum crispiflorum crosses 100 laetevirens 90 molle, many vars. 75 mucronulatum 99 obtusum amoenum 95 arnoldianum 95 Kaempferi 95 Schlippenbachii 100 viscosepalum 75 vedoense poukhanense 75 Viburnum fragrans 100 Wisteria sp. 100

## IV. PLANTS UNINJURED DURING THE WINTER OF 1942-43

(NOTE: It is usually presupposed that all plants not recorded in "injured" lists were not injured. Such is the case with these lists. However, to be certain that some interesting plants are definitely recorded as uninjured, the following list is offered.)

Alyssum gemonense Betula papyrifera and vars. **Campsis** radicans Castanea mollisima Cercis canadensis Celastrus flagellaris orbiculata scandens Chaenomeles japonica "Corallina" sanguinea Chamaedaphne calyculata Daphne altaica Cneorum and vars. "Somerset" Deutzia coreana glabrata grandiflora parviflora staminea Dirca palustris Enkianthus campanulatus Gymnocladus dioicus Hamamelis vernalis Hibiscus syriacus vars. Ilex montana vunnanensis Kalmia latifolia Kolkwitzia amabilis Lespedeza kiusiana Liquidambar Styraciflua Macludrania hybrida Maddenia hypoleuca Magnolia Kobus salicifolia Soulangeana speciosa verbanica

"Waterlily" Mahonia Aquifolium repens Oxvdendrum arboreum Paeonia suffruticosa Periploca sepium Pieris floribunda Prinsepia sp. Prunus americana Bessevi (heavy bloom) cerasus austera domestica Julianae glandulosa Munsoniana "Newport" nigra Padus vars. salicina spinosa tenella var. Pyrus communis Pyraster pyrifolia ussuriensis hondoensis (very few flowers) ovoidea Rhododendron atlanticum "Boule de Neige" calendulaceum canadense carolinianum  $\times$  mucronulatum catawbiense album Fraseri "Fürst Camille von Rohan" "Henrietta Sargent"

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Rhododendron "Heureuse Surprise" "Imperialis" japonicum narcissiflora nudiflorum "Pallas" "Pucella" roseum Smirnowii speciosum Vaseyi Rhus aromatica Ribes aureum and vars. odoratum and vars. Rosa Ecae Hugonis Primula rugosa and most vars. spinosissima Spiraea prunifolia simpliciflora Thunbergii Staphylea holocarpa Stewartia koreana Symplocos paniculata Tripterygium Regelii Viburnum rhytidophylloides Vinca minor and vars. Xanthorhiza simplicissima Zanthoxylum americanum



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