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Cornus Amomum, the Silky Cornel, which has been much used in the Arboretum, has been in flower here for several days. In cultivation it is not a satisfactory plant unless it can be given sufficient room for its wide-spreading branches to extend freely and spread over the ground. When crowded by other plants the branches become erect and it loses its real beauty and value. To be seen at its best this Cornel should have a clear space with a diameter of not less than twenty feet in which to spread. It is well suited for the front of groups of trees and shrubs, and there is no better shrub to plant by the margins of ponds and streams where its long branches can hang gracefully over the water. Its purple stems are attractive in winter, and the bright blue fruits which ripen in the autumn add to the value of this native shrub. In the Cornel Group, at the junction of the Meadow and Bussey Hill Roads, there is a good specimen of this plant, and its value for planting near water can be seen on the borders of the small pond in the rear of the Cornel Group.

Cornus asperifolia. This Cornel flowers a week or ten days later than the Silky Cornel. It is a widely distributed plant from western New England to Texas, and under favorable conditions becomes a tree occasionally forty feet high. At the north, however, it is a tall, broad shrub with erect and slightly spreading branches. The flower-clusters are small but are produced in great profusion and are followed by white fruits. There is a large specimen among the other Cornels near the junction of the Meadow and Bussey Hill Roads.

Cornus paucinervis. It was hardly to have been expected that this Chinese shrub could flourish in New England for it grows naturally not much above the sea-level central China in a climate where the

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