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Some Asiatic Burning Bushes. (Evonymus.) One of these plants, Evonymus Bungeanus, which has been an inhabitant of the Arboretum for thirty years, deserves more general cultivation than it has yet received in this country. It is a small tree or treelike shrub with slender rather pendulous branches and narrow, pointed, pale green leaves; these are now turning yellow or yellow and red, but the great beauty of this plant is in the rose-colored fruit which every year is produced in great quantities and remains on the branches for several weeks after the leaves have fallen, making this native of northern China a desirable plant for the autumn garden.

Evonymus lanceifolius. This shrub, which is one of Wilson's introductions from western China, promises to become a valuable garden plant in this climate. On the mountains of western China it grows as a large bush or occasionally as a tree, and is sometimes fifty feet high with a tall trunk nearly a foot in diameter. In the Arboretum, where it is growing in the Evonymus Group on the Meadow Road, it is perfectly hardy and is now a bush from three to four feet tall and broad, covered with bright scarlet fruit and leaves which are still partly green and are partly turned to shades of orange and red. In the size and brilliancy of the fruit few of the plants of this group equal this Chinese species.

Evonymus yedoensis. The leaves have already fallen from this Japanese plant in the Evonymus Group, but the large rose-colored fruits which now cover the naked branches make it one of the conspicuous plants in the Arboretum.



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