ARNOLD ARBORETUM

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

BULLETIN

OF

POPULAR INFORMATION

JAMAICA PLAIN, MASS.MAY 15, 1916

Flowers in the Arboretum. During the week this Bulletin reaches its readers a large number of trees and shrubs will be flowering in the Arboretum, including several species of Amelanchier, some of the early Honeysuckles, Currants, Gooseberries, Rhododendrons and Viburnums, many Willows, the early-flowering Canadian Plum tree, *Prunus nigra*, many of the Asiatic Crabapples, several species of Wild Pears, and one or two of the early-flowering species of Lilacs.

Unfolding leaves. Much is to be learned of trees by the study of their unfolding leaves. The color of these and the absence or presence of a covering of down may, for some trees like the Lindens, furnish the best characters for distinguishing related species. This is certainly one of the best times of the year for the study of Oak-trees and Hickories. The unfolding leaves are often brilliant in color, and their hairy covering, when such a covering exists, furnishes a useful character for determining such trees. Very beautiful and interesting, too, are the very young leaves of the Horsechestnuts. Indeed there is not a tree or shrub which, as the leaves unfold, is not capable of affording an observing lover of plants much information and the keenest pleasure, and this is a pleasure which can be found in the Arboretum in a new form every day from the unfolding in early April of the leaves of the California *Osmaonia cerasiformis* and the Chinese *Prinsepia sinensis* to the appearance of those of the Fringe-tree (*Chionanthus virginica*) which remains leafless until after the flowering of many shrubs and trees has passed.

1916. "Unfolding leaves." *Bulletin of popular information - Arnold Arboretum, Harvard University* 2(3), 9–9. <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.320476>.

View This Item Online: <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/item/216951>

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5962/p.320476>

Permalink: <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/partpdf/320476>

Holding Institution

Harvard University Botany Libraries

Sponsored by

BHL-SIL-FEDLINK

Copyright & Reuse

Copyright Status: Public domain. The BHL considers that this work is no longer under copyright protection.

This document was created from content at the **Biodiversity Heritage Library**, the world's largest open access digital library for biodiversity literature and archives. Visit BHL at <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org>.