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Some American Hawthorns. Among American Hawthorns are many species which are of exceptional value for the beauty of their abundant flowers, their bright-colored fruits and the brilliancy of their autumn foliage. A number of these plants can now be seen to advantage on the bank between the Shrub Collection and the Boston Parkway, and are best reached by the path leading to the right from just inside the Forest Hills gate. These plants were raised at the Arboretum from seed mostly planted between 1880 and 1885, and are therefore less than forty years old. None of these trees, however, have reached anything like their maximum size but are large enough to show their habit of growth and their character as garden ornaments. Hawthorns are usually long-lived plants, and individuals a hundred years old are not uncommon; and, although it takes several years to produce a good Hawthorn collection, once established the plants will go on improving and last for a long time. Hawthorns are easily raised from seeds which require two years in which to germinate. Large specimens are easily transplanted, and all the species thrive in any well-drained soil. Growing naturally, the species are most abundant in those parts of the country where the soil is impregnated with lime, and they are therefore particularly suited to give beauty to the parks and gardens of a large part of the United States where the presence of lime and the character of the climate prevent the cultivation of several classes of plants on which the gardeners of the coast region of the continent depend. Some of the species growing on the bank near the Shrub Collection which are now worth the attention of visitors are:—

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