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Asiatic Crabapples. The flowering of these trees makes one of the principal spectacular displays of the year in the Arboretum; and of these displays only that made by the Lilacs attracts a larger number of visitors. Most of the plants will be in flower when this Bulletin reaches its Boston readers who can see these trees and shrubs on the left-hand side of the Forest Hills Road entering by the Forest Hills gate, and in a larger and more complete collection at the eastern base of Peter's Hill. Among these Crabapples are a number of small trees which should find a place in every northern garden for few trees which are hardy in New England are more beautiful when covered in May with their white, pink or rose-colored flowers, or in autumn when the branches are loaded with their brilliant red, scarlet or yellow fruits.

Malus baccata mandshurica is the earliest of these Crabapples to open its flower-buds in the Arboretum. A native of Manchuria, Korea and northern Japan, it is the eastern form of the better known *Malus baccata*, the Siberian Crabapple, which reached Europe more than a century ago and for a long time was one of only two Asiatic Crabapples known in western gardens. The Manchurian form as it grows in the Arboretum is a tree twelve or fifteen feet tall and broad; the flowers, which are produced in profusion, are pure white, rather more than an inch across, and more fragrant than those of any other Asiatic Crabapple. The fruit is round, yellow or red, and not larger than a large pea. A form of this tree (var. *Jackii*) brought from Korea by Mr. Jack in 1905 is distinguished by its large, dark scarlet fruit. The Manchurian Crabapple, which is still rare in this country, for the fragrance of the flowers alone should find a place in all collections.

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