Forsythia ovata, a native of the slopes of the Diamond Mountains of Korea, and in its range the most northern of the species of Forsythia. It is a large shrub with light yellow branches, broad, long-pointed, coarsely toothed leaves from 4-5 inches long, and from 3-4 inches wide, and clear primrose colored flowers rather smaller than those of *Forsythia Fortunei* or any of the forms of *F. intermedia*; they open about a week earlier than those of the other Forsythias. This Korean Forsythia promises to be a useful addition to early spring flowering shrubs and to be hardy in parts of this country where the other Forsythias cannot be successfully cultivated. The Arboretum plants were raised from seeds collected by Wilson in Korea in 1918.

Other plants also in bloom are many Poplars and Willows. *Erica carnea*, the only species of the true Heaths which is entirely hardy in this climate has been covered during the last two weeks with its bright rose-red flowers. The bright yellow flowers of the Leatherwood (*Dirca palustris*) and the Spicebush (*Benzoin aestivale*) make these two widely distributed native shrubs attractive features of the Arboretum at the end of April. They are plants still too little known to gardeners.

April Flowering Rhododendrons. The earliest of these, the Siberian *R. dahuricum*, which can be seen on Azalea Path is now well covered with its small rose purple flowers. Last year they were fully open on April 12 and were ruined by frost on the 21st. They may be ruined again this year for it is not too late for killing frosts. The flowers of the north China *Rhododendron mucronulatum* which open usually two or three days later than those of the Siberian plant are less delicate and are rarely injured by frost. On the lower side of Azalea Path there is a mass of this beautiful plant which is well worth a place in the spring garden. The plants of the hybrid Rhododendron (*R. ciliatum* x *dahuricum*) known in gardens as *R. praecox* "Early Gem" in the general Rhododendron collection are covered with expanding flower-buds. This is an interesting and handsome plant but the flowers are very delicate and five years out of six are ruined by frost.

Mr. J. G. Jack of the Arboretum staff will conduct a Field Class on Saturdays during the spring and eaaly summer, to assist those who wish to gain a more intimate knowledge of the native and foreign trees and shrubs which grow in New England. Instruction will be given in informal outdoor talks and in the examination of the plants. Different botanical groups will be visited at each meeting, although any trees or shrubs found may form subjects for study. No technical knowledge or special preparation is required in order to join the class as the instruction is intended to be simple in character, affording opportunities for questions and answers relating to the specimens under observation. Unless otherwise notified the class will meet promptly at ten o'clock in the morning, on Saturdays, in the Arboretum at the Forest Hills entrance, beginning April 28th. The class will close on the 23rd of June. The fee for the course is \$5.00, payable in advance.

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