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Summer Flowering Trees. After the flowers of the Linden trees have mostly passed those of a few other trees add to the interest of the Arboretum in the last weeks of July and in August.

Koelreuteria paniculata is the first of these summer-flowering trees to bloom. It is a round-topped tree from 30 to 40 feet high with long compound dark green leaves and great erect clusters of golden yellow flowers which are followed by bladder-like pale fruits. This tree, which is a native of northern China and an old inhabitant of American gardens, is quite hardy in eastern Massachusetts, but has been more often planted in the Middle States than in New England. In American trade catalogues it usually appears as "the Japanese Lacquer tree" although it is not a Japanese tree and does not yield lacquer or anything else but beauty. The trees in the Arboretum are on the right hand side of the Meadow Road. There is a handsome specimen near the north-west corner of the Public Garden in Boston.

Maackias are small summer flowering trees of the Pea-family with short erect spikes of small white flowers. The flowers of the best known of these trees, *M. amurensis*, from eastern Siberia have already faded but the variety *Buergeri* from northern Japan differing in the presence of a coat of soft down on the lower surface of the leaves, flowers a week or ten days later than the Siberian tree and is now in bloom. What promises to be a handsomer tree here than either of these is the still little known species from western China, *M. chinensis*, which first flowered in the Arboretum five years ago when it was called *M.*

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