suffer from drought and insufficient nourishment. They are particularly liable to attacks of the San José scale, and in order to secure healthy plants it is important to spray them late in March or early in April with lime-sulphur.

Viburnum prunifolium, often called Black Haw, is perhaps one of the handsomest of the small trees or large shrubs in the Arboretum with scarlet or purple leaves which are just turning. A common plant on hillsides in the middle Atlantic states the Black Haw, although not a native of Massachusetts, is hardy here and well deserves cultivation for it is an object of interest from early spring until the beginning of winter. The leaves are thick, coriaceous, dark green and lustrous above and pale below. The flowers are white, in slightly convex clusters, and these are followed by fruit pink at first when fully grown, becoming dark blue and covered with a glaucous bloom when ripe and persistent on the branches until winter. A southern representative of this plant with which it was long confounded is now called *Viburnum rufidulum* and is a larger and handsomer tree with thicker and more lustrous leaves which turn deep purple in the autumn. This tree, which under favorable circumstances becomes the largest and is perhaps the handsomest of all American Viburnums, is easily recognized by the large russet brown felt which covers the winter-buds. *V. rufidulum* grows in the Arboretum where it flowers and ripens its fruit, but it is doubtful if it ever becomes more than a medium-sized shrub here.

The leaves in autumn of some of the American Azaleas are almost as brilliant as those of *Rhododendron japonicum*. Perhaps the most brilliant of these is the late-blooming, yellow or flame-colored *Rhododendron calendulaceum* which equals some of the other shrubs of the family which are unsurpassed in beauty during several months. None is more beautiful in the autumn than the crimson or purple of the leaves of the Highbush Blueberry so-called, *Vaccinium corymbosum*. This plant is handsome, too, in early spring when its white bell-shaped flowers open, and in August or September when the blue-black fruit covers the branches. A native of swamps, the Highbush Blueberry grows equally well in dry gravelly ground, and the best plants in the Arboretum are on Bussey Hill near the entrance to Azalea Path and opposite the overlook. The autumn color of the other northern Blueberries and Huckleberries is as brilliant as that of the Highbush Blueberry and some of them, especially *Vaccinium pennsylvanicum*, are invaluable for covering dry ground under Oaks and other hardwood trees. The white flowers are attractive; the bluish black berries, which are the earliest Blueberries to ripen, have a fair flavor and during a month or more in autumn the plants form broad masses of scarlet only a few inches high and more brilliant in color than the flowers of the Heather on the Highlands of Scotland. Every encouragement with good results has been given in the Arboretum to the spreading of these Blueberries.

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