

Actinomeris squarrosa is common through the whole State as far east as the Delaware, but it does not cross the river.

Helianthus tuberosus has the same range & occurs also on the N. J. side of the Delaware. It is, no doubt, indigenous, as well an escape from cultivation here. In the latter case the plants are easily distinguished by their stouter & more robust stalks & larger leaves & flowers - & are generally found not far from gardens.

Ruellia ciliosa, Ph., var. ambigua, Gray
I have from Mercersburg, Franklin Co., Pa.

our Viola tricolor, L. var. arvensis. ^{so called} No. 15, I suppose, the same as the European plant that bears that name. Nevertheless, I cannot shake off the conviction that ^{it} is native here. I have met with it often in different parts of Pa. ^{& N. J.} always in copres ^{on} the borders of meadows, never in broken soil. This ^{itself} is no decisive argument, for other plants, e.g. Trifolium arvense & Cerastium arvense, have changed their ^{habit} habitats on this side of the ocean. But our cultivated V. tricolor is spontaneous from self-sown seeds in our gardens for a year or so & then dies out. It shows no disposition to get abroad & only once in my life-time have I found

The following species, of which I have no duplicates to spare, I report as growing in the State.

Ranunculus Pennsylvanicus, L. — May be frequent in the Northern Counties, but I have found it in but one locality, an island in the Susquehanna.

Hypericum pyramidatum, Mill. — Detected this summer in Lancaster Co.

Erodium cicutarium, L'Her. — Lanc. Co. J. Stauffer!

Ailanthus glandulosus, Desf. — Thoroughly naturalized with us. The seeds come up in our gardens like those of common weeds & in certain localities it has wandered into the fields & woods far from human habitations.

Spiraea lobata, Mill. — I have it from Huntingdon Co., from Cumberland Co., collected by Prof. Baird, & this year from the lower end of Lanc. Co.

Opuntia vulgaris, Mill. — From the head of a rocky island in the Susquehanna, Peach Bottom, Lanc. Co.

Tussilago Farfara, L. — Escaped from gardens, at Darby, near Philadelphia.

Arnica nudicaulis, Ell. — From the lower part of Lancaster Co. Darlington also reports ^{it} as growing in Chester Co.

Pycnanthemum clinopodioides, Torr. — Your remark that it is "probably an extreme state of P. incanum" is confirmed by my observations. They grow together with us & pass into each other by insensible gradations.

Hydrophyllum appendiculatum, Mx. — I have from two localities in Lancaster Co.

Phoradendron flavescens, Nutt. — Found this summer on two gum-trees in Lanc. Co.; also in Franklin Co., near Mercersburg, on the same tree.



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