

Gray Herbarium



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Mr. C. A. Weatherby,
East Hartford, Conn.

Dear Weatherby:

Kindly pardon my delay in starting the Macoun specimens of Puccinellia to you. One thing after another has kept me busy with class work and routine, and I am just getting the package off to you. Unfortunately the great bulk of the Macoun material was returned to Ottawa while the paper was in press, but this collection contains so much material that I think it is fairly representative for western Canada. Since the Macoun material will in some way alter your paper, I am returning the manuscript that you may make such insertions as you wish. Then I think it would be a most acceptable short article for Rhodora. There seems to be no good journal covering western America, and Rhodora has no prejudice against being read west of New England. The Gray Herbarium material of P. airoides comes from Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Saskatchewan, Alberta, Mackenzie, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Montana, and New Mexico.

Should you have occasion to run the other western species, which are probably new, into this paper it would add to its value and incidentally,

the chance of the present paper getting published very early is slight, because the numbers of Rhodora for March and April are essentially made up already, so that I rather doubt if space would be found before May or June or even the July number, since so much material has come in in response to our appeals for more contributions.

Hitchcock has tardily sent one specimen of the genus from the National Herbarium, having entirely forgotten that he had promised to send up their material, and he condescendingly writes to Dr. Robinson that he has no serious objection to our working on grasses!

Thank you very much for the manuscript key to the western species which will prove useful, but I hope that before long you will be able to attach names to the plants which are here indicated only by numbered specimens.

It will be fine to get the Linum material into print, for more than one person is copying the new combination from herbarium specimens and there is danger that it will slip into literature and in an embarrassing manner.

Very sincerely yours,

M. L. Fernald

Dictated to HMB



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