

Viola cucullata × *fimbriatula*.

This hybrid is of frequent occurrence, but for many years it posed as a species, its real character being not even suspected. As early as Dec. 9, 1897 Prof. E. L. Greene* of the Catholic University, Washington, D. C., identified it with *V. dentata* Pursh, as being quite the same as a water color by Major John LeConte of what this expert artist considered that species. As a matter of fact the *V. dentata* of Pursh† is a synonym of *V. sagittata* Ait. But LeConte regarded *V. dentata* Pursh, *V. emarginata* (Nutt.) and our unrecognized hybrid as one and the same thing. The proof of this is found in a tracing in the Gray herbarium made of LeConte's water color by a careful artist and sent by a Mr Martindale to Dr. Gray. This tracing is unmistakably our unrecognized hybrid, but is labeled by LeConte "emarginat-dentata."

But meanwhile Mr. Pollard had published with a plate the plant under discussion as *V. Porteriana*, collected at Bushkill Falls, Pa., May 31, 1897.†† Four years later, however, it came out in the Britton Manual (p. 637) as *V. dentata* Pursh.

In 1904 the hybrid character of our puzzling plant was discovered, and the proof presented in a *Rhodora* paper§ in which were cited *V. Porteriana* and several other specimens seen at Cambridge, among them one from Jaffrey, N. H. collected by Walter Deane July 25, 1896.

I would add further that four specimens of this hybrid were sent out in my distribution of No. Am. violets in 1910, viz:- 34, 35, 36 & 37.

*Pittonia 3:140 & 256. †Flora Am. Septentrionalis 1:172, London, 1816.

††Bull. Torr. Club 24:404, plate 314 .1897. §Rhodora 6:217-8 Nov. 1904.

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