

Melrose Mar. 16/95

Dear Mr. Manning

I received from you paper relating to the Flora of the Metropolitan Reservations, I will try and make such use of them as will assist in the work in which you are engaged. Can I buy one of the maps mentioned?

I am not a botanist but am picking up the names of some of our plants.

One plant found in the Fells is not common, that is *Calla palustris*, or at least I suppose that is the species name as I find no other *Calla* mentioned in Gray. In the same swamp I find Forget-me-nots, and on its banks two years ago I found *Adiantum pedatum*, but the latter was in an exposed position and probably some one found it.

Is the *Cornus alternifolia* rare? there is one tree 50 ft. from line of Fells, if the tree is rare I will see if I can find one within the borders of Reservation near the one I mention.

I inclose a list of ferns which we have identified.

Yours truly

Geo. F. Perry.

#22 Adams St.

Work done by George F. Perry
during 1895.

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This season my investigations have been wholly in the North-east section of the Fells Reservation, that part north of Washington St. and East of Pond St. This takes from Virginia Hood to Doleful Pond. My reason for selecting this part of the Fells, is that most of it is little traveled except in the main paths. I have made it a point to crawl through the densest tangle of Green Brier, and thicker, and it is my object to become familiar with every rod of the section named, which comprises about 350 acres.

The first year can only be called a preliminary step, as knowing little or nothing of botany and forestry I was obliged to learn the science (in part), and then catalog every kind of tree, shrub and vine, next year I can make

a systematic collection of the ²
parts of trees at different stages
of their growth. The most I have
so far collected is leaves.

In addition to collecting and cata-
loging, I am taking notes on
the habitat, the effect of insects
and any peculiarity I may
notice.

Below is a list of trees, shrubs etc
which I have so far identified, and
I have the location of each.

Sassafras officinalis.

Ilex verticillata

Rhus glabra

R. typhina

R. copallina

R. Toxicodendron

Betula picea

B. alba var. ?

Berberis vulgaris

Juniperus Virginiana

Pinus strobus

Abies Canadensis

Cornus alternifolia
C. florida
C. stolonifera
Quercus rubra
Q. ilicifolia
Q. bicolor
Q. coccinea
Q. tinctoria
Q. alba
Corylus rostrata
C. americana
Ostrya virginica
Castanea sesca
Fagus ferruginea
Viburnum dentatum
V. acerifolium
Sambucus Canadensis
Lonicera sempervirens
Clethra alnifolia
Kalmia angustifolia
Vaccinium corymbosum var. *glabrum*,
Carya tomentosa
C. alba
C. amara
Robinia Pseudacacia
Myrica cerifera
Comptonia asplenifolia
Fraxinus pubescens
Patanus occidentalis (2)
Spiraea salicifolia
S. tomentosa

Rosa Carolina ?

R. lucida

Rubus Canadensis

Pyrus Americana

P. arbutifolia

Rubus villosus

R. strigosus

Cerasus serotina

C. Pennsylvanica

C. Virginiana

Mitchella repens.

Ceanothus Americanus

Populus tremuloides

P. balsamifera

P. grandidentata

Ribes cynosbati.

R. rubrum

Aesculus Hippocastanum

Acer rubrum

A. dasycarpum

Ulmus Americana

Ampelopsis quinquefolia

Vitis aestivalis ?

Lobelia cardinalis

Benzoin odoriferum, or Sindera Benzoin.

Humulus lupulus.

I have a list of several which
I want to prove by their fruit.
(not named above).



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