

## 72453 to 72570—Continued.

## 72556. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 7171. A low-growing shrub with ascending branches forming sprawling tangles in rather swampy ground in well-shaded thickets, at altitudes between 8,000 and 9,000 feet.

## 72557. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 7184. A small compact bushy shrub, sometimes 4 or 5 feet high, but more often less than 2 feet, scattered on the sunniest slope of steep granite screes, at an altitude of 11,000 feet. The quite tiny plants have been a mass of flowers which were borne very freely in trusses of four to seven. This species is quite distinct from No. 7123 [No. 72548], but may be seen growing within a few feet of it, the latter in the shelter of the Abies and Larix forests, the former in the open.

## 72558. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 7188. A small compact bushy under-shrub 1 to 2 feet high in open places, but taller and lankier in the Abies forest, found at altitudes between 10,000 and 11,000 feet. The flowers are plum purple or inclining to crimson on the one hand and to violet on the other.

## 72559. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 7189. A bush 4 to 6 feet high, forming dense thickets on steep rocky slopes, at altitudes between 10,000 and 11,000 feet. In the Abies forest it forms much of the underbrush, growing very rank.

## 72560. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 7190. A shrub 5 feet high, growing at altitudes between 10,000 and 11,000 feet. It was growing on a steep boulder scree among thickets of Nos. 7184, 7189, and 7108 [Nos. 72557, 72559, and 72545]. It has the fruits of No. 7184 [No. 72557], but the foliage is more like No. 7189 [No. 72559]. This may be a hybrid.

## 72561. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 7196. A large shrub, growing socially in the uppermost Abies forest. The flowers are snow white with a touch of purple at the base. This species has not the hairy petioles of No. 7189 [No. 72559].

Numbers 72562 to 72564 are from the Seinghku Valley.

## 72562. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 7427. A slim solitary tree about 30 feet high, growing on the ridge in the midst of the rhododendron forest, at an altitude of 6,000 feet. The leaves, 12 inches long and 6 inches wide, hang down and the truss is many-flowered.

## 72563. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 7455. A bushy shrub, growing on an alder tree in the river bed, at an altitude of 7,000 feet. It is usually epiphytic and invisible in the forest. The bright-yellow flowers are borne freely in trusses of four to six.

## 72564. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 7625. A small tree scattered in the forest on a rocky precipitous ridge, with *Pinus longifolia*, rhododendron, etc., at altitudes between 7,000 and 8,000 feet.

## 72565. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 7642. Dichu Valley. A small or medium-sized tree between 30 and 40 feet high, growing at an altitude of 8,000 feet. The young foliage is very long and narrow, and when matured it is dull dark green above, with conspicuous yellow midrib and primary veins, and the under surface is silver bronze. The fruits, about 16 in number, are in a long

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lax truss, covered with bright tawny orange hairs. This species is quite distinct from the large-leaved species No. 6782 [No. 72506], or from Nos. 6753 and 6792 [Nos. 72505 and 72507].

## 72566. ROSA sp.

No. 7501. A single bush found in the uppermost rhododendron forest. The pendent solitary glabrous fruits are bright reddish orange.

## 72567. VACCINIUM sp. Vacciniaceae.

No. 6845 (?).

## 72568. VACCINIUM sp. Vacciniaceae.

No. 6849 (?).

## 72569. VACCINIUM sp. Vacciniaceae.

No. 7602 (?).

## 72570. VERONICA sp. Scrophulariaceae.

No. 7008. A plant 3 to 4 inches high, growing on exposed earth banks. The nodding flowers are blue.

## 72571 to 72582.

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## 72571. AMELANCHIER sp. Malaceae.

No. 35341. Sovietsk, Viatka Government. A hardy Russian shrub with abundant small juicy fruits.

## 72572. BERBERIS sp. Berberidaceae. Barberry.

No. 35343. Sovietsk, Viatka Government. A hardy form grown for its berries.

## 72573. HIPPOPHAE RHAMNOIDES L. Elaeagnaceae. Sea buckthorn.

No. 35251. A deciduous spiny shrub, with small yellow flowers and acid orange berries which are used in Russia to make beverages and jellies.

For previous introduction see No. 36743.

## 72574 to 72578. PRUNUS spp. Amygdalaceae.

## 72574. PRUNUS BESSEYI Bailey. Bessey cherry.

No. 35350. Tulun Experiment Station, Irkutsk Government. A locally grown hardy strain with relatively sweet-flavored fruits.

For previous introduction see No. 49483.

## 72575 and 72576. PRUNUS SALICINA Lindl. Japanese plum.

Sovietsk, Viatka Government. Cultivated locally since 1916.

72575. No. 35344. Prolific yellow plum.

72576. No. 35345. Prolific red plum.

## 72577. PRUNUS SPINOSA L. Sloe.

No. 35359. Transcaucasia. A low-spreading thorny tree with small, deep-blue, edible fruits. A selection from wild trees.

For previous introduction see No. 43310.

## 72578. PRUNUS sp. Plum.

No. 35347. Voronezh Government. A large juicy sweet-flavored plum. The tree thrives without special care and bears annually.

## 72579 to 72581. RIBES spp. Grossulariaceae.

## 72579. RIBES AUREUM Pursh. Golden currant.

No. 35342. Sovietsk, Viatka Government. A strong grower and medium yielder. The fruits, about 240 to the pound, are of large size.