

74158 to 74174—Continued.

74165. *DEMAZERIA SICULA* (Jacq.) Dum. Poaceae.
Grass.

An annual bushy upright slender-stemmed grass usually about 8 inches high. Native to the Mediterranean countries.

74166. *FESTUCA MAIREI* St. Yves. Poaceae.
Grass.

A Moroccan grass.

74167. *GAUDINIA FRAGILIS* (L.) Beauv. Poaceae.
Grass.

An annual, ascending grass, up to 2 feet high, with thick, rough-hairy leaves. It is confined almost entirely to the Mediterranean countries.

For previous introduction see No. 63985.

74168. *LAGURUS OVATUS* L. Poaceae.
Rabbit-tail grass.

A hardy annual grass native to the Mediterranean countries. The small white flower heads are used for dry bouquets.

For previous introduction see No. 66009.

74169. *PASPALUM RACEMOSUM* Lam. Poaceae.
Grass.

A tropical American grass which is best adapted to the moist or alluvial soils of the southern United States. It grows from a root-stock, with rather coarse, tender stems and leaves, reaching a height of about 2 feet. It has promise as a hay or pasture grass.

For previous introduction see No. 63991.

74170. *PHLEUM ARENARIUM* L. Poaceae.
Grass.

An annual, tufted, erect or ascending grass, up to a foot in height, with smooth leaves about an inch long, and cylindrical spikes. It is native to Europe and the northern coast of Africa.

For previous introduction see No. 44698.

74171. *PHLEUM PANICULATUM* Huds. (*P. asperum* Jacq.). Poaceae.
Grass.

An erect annual or ascending grass 4 to 16 inches high. Native to the Mediterranean countries.

74172. *PSILURUS ARISTATUS* (L.) Lange. Poaceae.
Grass.

A bushy annual grass with slender stems up to a foot high. It is native to dry rocky places in the Mediterranean countries.

74173. *SCHISMUS BARBATUS* (L.) Chase. Poaceae.
Grass.

An annual grass with numerous spreading slender stems up to 10 inches long. Native to dry places in the Mediterranean countries.

74174. *SESLERIA ARGENTEA* Savi. Poaceae.
Grass.

A perennial cespitose grass with stems up to a foot and a half high. Native to sandy places in the Mediterranean countries.

74175 to 74194.

From North Africa. Seeds presented through W. T. Swingle, Bureau of Plant Industry. Received June 30, 1927.

74175. *ADENOCARPUS BACQUEI* Batt. and Pitard. Fabaceae.

Botanic garden, Algiers, Algeria. A low ornamental leguminous shrub with yellow flowers.

74176. *ALOE* sp. Liliaceae.

Botanic garden, Algiers, Algeria. A tender ornamental fleshy plant with red or yellow flowers.

74175 to 74194—Continued.

74177. *CITRULLUS COLOCYNTHIS* (L.) Schrad. Cucurbitaceae.
Colocynth.

A perennial herbaceous vine allied to the watermelon. The small round hard green and yellow fruits, 3 inches in diameter, are used medicinally as a purgative.

74178. *CONVOLVULUS TRABUTIANUS* Schweinf. and Muschler. Convolvulaceae.

University of Algiers, Algeria. A subtropical ornamental vine.

74179. *CYTISUS BATTANDIERI* Maire. Fabaceae.

As described by Dr. René Maire (Bulletin de la Station de Recherches Forestières du Nord de l'Afrique, vol. 1, p. 72), this is a handsome unarmed shrub, with large, rounded, silvery leaflets and elongated clusters of golden yellow flowers. It is native to northern Morocco, and, in the opinion of Doctor Maire, merits cultivation as an ornamental.

For previous introduction see No. 65469.

74180 and 74181. *EPHEDRA ALTISSIMA* Desf. Gnetaceae.
Climbing joint fr.

From the Botanic Garden, Algiers, Algeria.

For previous introduction see No. 66007.

74180. A plant about 10 feet high climbing over a palm. The pink-fleshed berries are slightly oval.

74181. An attractive woody climber.

74182. *FERULA COMMUNIS* L. Apiaceae.
Giant fennel.

A stout herbaceous perennial 8 to 12 feet high, forming a clump. The leaves are light green and the flowers yellow.

74183. *HYOSCYAMUS FALEZLEZ* Cos. Solanaceae.
Henbane.

A coarse annual or biennial herb, possibly of medicinal value. It is eaten by goats and sheep, but is very poisonous to horses.

For previous introduction see No. 62667.

74184. *HYOSCYAMUS MUTICUS* L. Solanaceae.
Henbane.

Like the henbane (*Hyoscyamus niger*), this plant, which is native to Egypt and western Asia, is a source of hyoscyamin, an alkaloid used in the treatment of various nervous disorders. It is a thick-stemmed perennial with fleshy, ovate leaves about 4 inches long and violet-spotted, whitish flowers nearly an inch in length.

For previous introduction see No. 58601.

74185. *MEDICAGO SATIVA* L. Fabaceae.
Alfalfa.

Lucerne de temacine. A local variety from Algeria.

74186. *PHOENIX DACTYLIFERA* L. Phoenicaceae.
Date palm.

Algerian-grown date seeds.

74187. *RHUS OXYACANTHA* Cav. Anacardiaceae.

A shrub with twisted thorny branches and ternate leaves.

74188. *SEVERINIA BUXIFOLIA* (Poir.) Ten. (*Atlantia buxifolia* Oliver). Rutaceae.

A thorny subtropical shrub resistant to alkali and salt. It has shiny green leaves, clusters of small white flowers, and dark-red berrylike fruits.

For previous introduction see No. 55495.

74189. *TRITICUM TURGIDUM* L. Poaceae.
Poulard wheat.

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