

the collections of Mr. E. H. Wilson. "This has the showy sterile marginal flowers, but its stems are more uniformly erect (than *V. alnifolium*.) It differs also in the shorter stamens, which are only half the length of the corolla, and in the shape of the furrow in the seed. It succeeds in gardens no better than *V. alnifolium*, although there was a healthy plant at Abbotsbury, near Weymouth, a few years ago. It is a native of northern Japan at low levels, and of the mountainous parts of the south. The foliage turns brilliant scarlet to reddish purple in autumn. It is a bush twelve feet or more high in a wild state." (W. J. Bean, Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles, vol. 2, p. 642.)