

Abies faxoniana (Pinaceae), 52622. **Fir.** From Elstree, Herts, England. Plants presented by Hon. Vicary Gibbs. A tree 70 to 130 feet high with dull gray, fissured bark and horizontal branches; it is the common species in northwest Szechwan where it forms extensive forests. The tree is characterized by the short, broadly ovoid scales of its very resinous winter buds, by its reddish hairy shoots, rather short flat leaves, and its violet-purple, oblong, densely resinous cones, 3 to 4 inches long. (Adapted from Sargent, *Plantae Wilsonianae*, vol. 2, p. 42.)

Abies recurvata (Pinaceae), 52624. **Fir.** From Elstree, Herts, England. Plants presented by Hon. Vicary Gibbs. A very remarkable species, unlike any other in its strongly decurved but assurgent leaves. It is a very local species forming entire forests in the Min Valley south of Sung-pan. The tree reaches a height of 80 feet and has reddish brown bark. The leaves are deep green or very glaucous, varying very much in this respect. The small, erect, brown cones are borne in clusters at the ends of the branches and near the top of the trees. The timber is hard, resinous, and highly valued for building purposes. (Adapted from *Journal of the Linnean Society*, vol. 37, p. 423.)

Aextoxicon punctatum (Euphorbiaceae), 52586. From Santiago, Chile. Seeds presented by Mr. F. Albert, consulting forester, Forestry Department, through U. S. Forest Service. "Tique." A Chilean tree belonging to the spurge family, with small colorless scales covering all of its parts, and with dense foliage. The leaves, quite stiff and narrowly oblong in shape, are very dark green on the upper surface and light green or even whitish below. The small white flowers are borne in short axillary racemes, and the fruits are small, black, olive-shaped drupes. By reason of its beauty the wood is admirably suited for the making of furniture, etc. (Adapted from Castillo and Dey, *Jeografia Vejetaldel Rio Valdivia*, p. 68.)

Alphitonia excelsa (Rhamnaceae), 52896. From Kulara, Queensland. Seeds presented by Mr. J. A. Hamilton. A tree 50 feet high, one of the characteristic trees of the Brigalow scrub of New South Wales, Queensland, and northern Australia. The wood is hard, close-grained, and durable; takes a high polish; and is suitable for gunstocks, coopers' staves, and for indoor purposes;