

*Prunus majestica* (Amygdalaceae), 55476, 55498, and 55500. From China. Seeds collected by J.F. Rock, Agricultural Explorer of the Bureau of Plant Industry. Quoted notes by Mr. Rock.

55476. "(No. 2967. Manoh, Yunnan. March 30, 1922.) A large, handsome tree, 40 to 50 feet in height, with large green leaves and oblong, bright-red, bitter, fleshy fruits. It grows at altitudes of 6,000 feet on ridges with *Pyrus yunnanensis*, and is very drought resistant, enduring drought for seven months or more. It can also withstand the intense heat of April and the freezing temperatures of winter. It is a prolific bearer, but is useful only as a stock plant and as an ornamental."

55498. "(No. 3066. Near Chukai, Yunnan. April 5 1922.) A lovely tree with large serrate leaves; the branches were bent with their load of large, oblong deep-red, cherrylike fruits. It is early fruiting, the fruits appearing in late February or early March, and the tree seems to be absolutely free from insect or fungous pests. It occurs throughout the Black River Valley at altitudes of about 5,000 feet on mountain slopes, also near Szemao, where it is rare, and more commonly near Nanchien. The Chinese name is 'Yin to' or 'Yin tao.'"

55500. "(Szemao, Yunnan. March 18, 1922.) These seeds were sent to me at Talifu from the mountains near Szemao; they are said to be from the first wild edible cherries which come to market."

*Pyrus* spp. (Malaceae), 55497 and 55550. **Pear.** From Talifu, Yunnan, China. Seeds collected by J. F. Rock, Agricultural Explorer of the Bureau of Plant Industry. Quoted notes by Mr. Rock.

55497. "(Talifu. April 18, 1922.) An edible pear about the size of a large apple; the flesh is light yellow and the skin is thin, firm, and light citron colored with a red hue, - hence the name 'Wu pa li,' (touched-by-the-fire pear). The tree grows on the side of the lake opposite to Talifu."

55550. "(Talifu. May 4, 1922.) 'Tangli.' This pear is oblong in outline, russet-brown, slightly acid but also sweet; it is better cooked than fresh. This variety is grown at Haitung, on Lake Erh Hai, about 10 miles from Talifu, and ripens from April to August."

*Rumex tuberosus* (Polygonaceae), 55494. **Sorrel.** From Algiers, Algeria. Seeds presented by Dr. L. Trabut.