



AMYGDALUS DAVIDIANA. Chinese Wild Peach.

A six-year old tree of the red barked, upright strain of Chinese wild peach standing in the midst of a winter killed orchard of ordinary peaches at Ames, Iowa. This tree grown from seed of a tree now growing at Pekin (S.P.I. No. 18262) began to show unusual hardiness in 1910 and in 1911, following an unusually dry summer and stood uninjured a January temperature of -35° F., which killed the hardiest varieties of peach, such as Hills Chihli, to the ground. In Texas and southern California it has shown an unusual resistance to drouth and a remarkable earliness as a stock. It flowers very early and its buds are killed by the frost in Iowa, so that it has not fruited there. It is not an edible peach but a stock plant for stone fruits.