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Anderson, Edgar
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
SAINT LOUIS

THE HENRY SHAW SCHOOL
OF BOTANY



Sept. 27, 1940

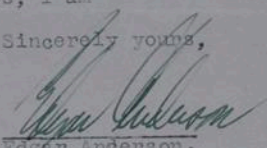
Dr. John M. Fogg
Botany Department of
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Doctor Fogg:

You may remember that when I saw you last spring you volunteered to fill out the Pennsylvania distribution data for a few of the species that I am studying. I am enclosing those maps for which information from Pennsylvania is very badly needed. If you can have the information for that or neighboring states indicated county by county I will be very grateful. The simplest thing to do would be to indicate it with a colored pencil and then we will fill in the India ink when it is returned. I am sending these on without any further warning since you assured me that it would be possible to get it done quite easily. If there is any reason that it is inconvenient, please do not hesitate to send the maps back without any annotation what so ever.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,


Edgar Anderson.

EA/t

October 7, 1940.

Dr. Edgar Anderson,
Henry Shaw School of Botany,
Washington University,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Dr. Anderson:

I have worked on the series of maps which you submitted and am returning them herewith.

In all cases you will notice I have attached to each map a sheet of paper, containing such information as I could glean from our records here. I have filled in the Pennsylvania counties which we have represented, and at the same time have given you on the attached sheet a list of those counties for you to check against. I have likewise supplied you with records from other states from which we had material, but in these cases I have not attempted to fill in the counties on your maps. I thought that this would involve additional effort at this end and that perhaps you would prefer to have it done by your own staff.

You will notice my comments on certain species which tend to be somewhat weedy in our area. These always involve very special consideration and I should be glad to submit further information concerning any of them which cause you special difficulty.

I have greatly enjoyed seeing your maps and hope that the information which we have supplied may be of some help to you. I forget whether you told me that you plan to publish these maps, but hope that when they are complete they may be made available in published form.

If I can be of any further help to you, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.
Asst. Prof. of Botany.

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October 15, 1940

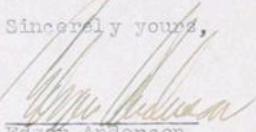
Dr. John M. Fogg
Botany Department
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Doctor Fogg:

Thank you very much indeed for all the trouble you have gone to in filling out these maps. You have supplied just the additional references and additional information that we needed. I am particularly interested in the cases of Delphinium tricornis and Phacelia Purshii. If you get any further information as to the limitations of their distribution I shall be glad to know about it. From some work I have done with other genera I suspect that in the case of Phacelia Purshii, the Alleghenian material might be different from that of the central plateau. This would mean that in Pennsylvania you had one variety making its way into the eastern part of the state and another into the western. If this is true, even though the status of the variety is too tenuous for nomenclatorial recognition, I shall be glad to hear about it.

Thanking you again for your kindness, I am

Sincerely yours,


Edgar Anderson
Engelmann Professor
of Botany

EA/t

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

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ARBORETUM, GRAY SUMMIT, MO.
TROPICAL STATION, BALBOA, C. Z.
EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE,
HOVE, SUSSEX, ENGLAND

Prof. John M. Fogg, Jr.,
University of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, Penn.

November 8, 1940.

Dear Dr. Fogg:

I am inclosing one more map and shall be grateful for any further information you can give me as to the ranges. Mr. William L. Brown and I were interested in these species of *Poa* as a background for some practical work he has been doing. Since *Poa cuspidata* is itself of no practical importance we are putting the facts with regard to its distribution and variation into a short article for "Castanea".

You will note the apparent disjunct distribution. There are some fairish differences which go along with it, mostly in size and floret number and it may possibly be a poorly marked geographical variety.

Sincerely,

Northampton?

November 13, 1940.

Dr. Edgar A. Anderson,
Missouri Botanical Garden,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Dr. Anderson:

I am returning herewith your map of Poa cuspidata with the Pennsylvania counties which we have represented here filled in, and an attached list of counties from other states which I leave for you to add at your end. I had been for some time intrigued by the distribution of this species within the state of Pennsylvania. It follows closely that of a goodly number of other species such as Floerka proserpenacoides and Hybanthus concolor. I shall be interested in your article when it is published and will hope to learn at that time what you consider to be the limiting factors effecting this type of distribution. It would seem to me that temperature and altitude had more to do with it than soils, and my guess is that in these cases the two lines of distribution have been separated for sufficient time to bring to pass varietal differentiation. I do not mean that this is always the case, but merely that it is the kind of thing which may be expected to fit in with these disjunct ranges.

I am intrigued by the fact that your map shows this grass to occur in Northampton County, Pennsylvania. In none of the herbaria which I have examined have I seen a sheet from there. Would it be possible for you to tell me from your records just what the basis of this occurrence may be?

I hope that you are planning to be here for the Christmas meetings. We have, I think, a rather strong program in the Systematic Section, and can only hope that the meetings will be well attended.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
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Dear Dr. Fogg,

November 15, 1940.

Thank you for the data about the distribution of *Poa cuspidata* and for your very illuminating comments. I can't tell you very much about the points which you have raised; this distribution is not one of the set which I am studying but is part of a minor effort. My student, Mr. William L. Brown, has been working on lawn grasses in general and *Poa pratensis* in particular for the last three years. Since *Poa cuspidata* has been put in the same section (neither he nor I think it belongs there naturally) we looked in to its distribution, cytology and variation rather carefully. We found nothing in it to lead us on but since the species has been so little collected on the whole we thought we ought to put our facts on record where they could be used (we made collections in thirteen counties in West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia, and Ohio). We have written the thing up very briefly and sent it off to CASTANEA today. Morphologically it is rather a poorish variety and we didn't name it, but the plants from on and near the coastal plains are different from those of the plateaus. It is not only that they are smaller and have fewer florets per spikelet; they are also much more variable among themselves. That increases the difficulty of separating them, however, for the biggest and most vigorous of them are equal to those of the plateau.


I would suppose that the disjunct distribution has an historical basis, but what that might be I don't know. When your project for Pennsylvania, and similar ones elsewhere, have been finished they shall be in a position really to do something about geographical distribution in this country.

The collection of *Poa cuspidata* about which you inquired was made by Thos. C. Porter of Easton, on Limestone Cliffs, Easton, Pa., May 1867. It is now in the U.S. Nat. Herb. as no. 918941.

I shall not be in Philadelphia, I am sorry to say, but it looks as if nearly all my friends were going to be there. My mother died this summer and my father will be all alone and we plan to spend the holidays with him somewhere in the south.

With many thanks for your cooperation, I am

Yours very truly,



January 17, 1957

Dr. Edgar Anderson, Director
Missouri Botanical Garden
2315 Tower Grove Avenue
St. Louis 10, Mo.

Dear Andy:

I have recently come back from three weeks in Mexico and while I was there Ida Langman gave me a package for you which she asked me to mail. I seem to recall your having told me that you were going to be at Princeton after the first of the year, and my purpose in writing now is to make inquiry as to your whereabouts so that this package may be correctly addressed.

Incidentally, Ida's bibliography is going by leaps and bounds and she has been able, by visiting scores of libraries throughout Mexico, to unearth a considerable amount of valuable material.

With best wishes and warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Director

ANDERSON, E. J.

from Fogg

March 4, 1957

Professor Edwin J. Anderson
Pennsylvania State University
University Park, Pa.

Dear Professor Anderson:

I believe that Mrs. Elmer Reustle has already extended, on behalf of my wife and myself, a cordial invitation to you and Mrs. Anderson to take dinner with us on Monday, March 11, to meet Dr. Eva Crane of England.

I hope that you will forgive the informal manner in which this is being done. I have been away for several days and Mrs. Reustle kindly said that she would let you know of our plans in advance of my letter. She informed me that you and Mrs. Anderson would be staying at their house and that they would bring you to our home on Monday evening. Please do not take the trouble to answer this letter.

Looking forward to the pleasure of meeting you both, I am

Sincerely yours,

ANDERSON, EDGAR

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MATHEMATICS

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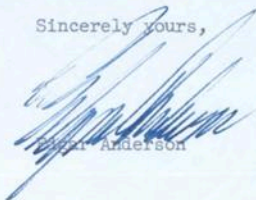
March 8, 1957

Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr., Director
The Morris Arboretum
Chestnut Hill
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Jack:

This is a very belated answer to your letter of January 28. I have waited this long because I have not been certain about my April schedule. I am leaving here April 1 but I knew I would be having to come back to Washington at least once and perhaps twice. I shan't be able to be with you in April however, I am only going to be back once and I have pressing things which have to be taken care of on each end of this engagement. However, in June, I am going to be east again and for quite a little time and if you would be interested in having me talk to your group in June or just to stop by and see you I shall be most interested to do so. I will be coming up from the south and probably on my way to the middle west when I make the trip but I definitely want to make some collections in the costal plain area.

Sincerely yours,



EA:rcw

March 18, 1957

Dr. Edgar Anderson
Department of Mathematics
Fine Hall
Box 708
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Andy:

Thanks for your letter of March 8th. I am sorry that you cannot be with us in April but would love to have you any time in June if it fits in with your plans to stop off for a visit. Just let me know when you have some definite idea of your itinerary.

You still do not tell me what you want me to do with the fans which I brought back from Ida Langman in Mexico. You probably don't want to carry them around the country with you, so suppose I pack them up and mail them to your wife?

Sincerely yours,