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October 28, 1926

Mr. John M. Fogg, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Fogg:

I expect to be at Woods Hole next summer working on chromosomes and Dr. C. E. Allen has advised me to direct any inquiries I may wish to make concerning the local flora to you. Are there any published lists of the phanerogamic plants occurring in that region? Also, what, if any, representatives of the following families are found in the immediate vicinity: Xyridaceae, Commelinaceae, Pontederiaceae, Convallariaceae, and Iridaceae. I would be especially interested in plants of these families.

Thanking you in advance for the information, I am,

Yours sincerely,

J. D. Howe

Xyris flexuosa

X. smalliana

X. caroliniana

Commelina communis

Pontederia cordata

From Fogg

October 31, 1926.

Mr. Thomas D. Howe,
Department of Biology,
James Millikin University,
Decatur, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Howe :

In reply to your letter of October 28, I regret to inform you that there are no published lists of the phanerogamic flora of the Woods Hole region. I have been interested in this subject for several years and hope before long to have such a list ready for publication, but at present there are only scattered references in the literature and no general treatment of Cape Cod's interesting vegetation is available.

All of the families mentioned by you are represented in the immediate vicinity of Woods Hole and I should be happy next summer to place my slight knowledge of their occurrence at your disposal. The local in each family are as follows :

species

Kyridaceae : Kyris flexuosa, K. caroliniana,
K. Smalliana.

Commelinaceae : Commelina communis.

Pontederiaceae : Pontederia cordata.

Convallariaceae : (By this I judge you mean the Tribes Polygonatae, Farideae and Aletreae of the Liliaceae.)

Smilacina racemosa

Maianthemum canadense.

Polygonatum biflorum, P. commutatum.

Medeola virginiana.

Alettris farinosa.

Iridaceae : Iris versicolor, I. prismatica.

Sisyrinchium angustifolium.

S. atlanticum.

By going farther afield this list may be added to, for I have given only the very local forms. I shall be glad to tell you anything else that I can about the flora of the region.

Sincerely yours,

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December 9, 1926

Mr. F. M. Fogg Jr.
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Dear Mr. Fogg:

I have neglected to write you thanking you for the list of plants that I requested. I expect to attend the A. A. A. S. in Philadelphia the last of this month when I may have an opportunity to consult with you further about such plants.

Sincerely yours,

J. D. Howe