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MUENSCHER, W. C.

February 6, 1941.

Dr. W. C. Muenscher,
Professor of Botany,
New York State College of Agriculture,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Muenscher:

A thousand thanks for the copy of your "Flora of Whatcom County," which you so kindly sent me. I am delighted to have this, and have greatly enjoyed reading the introductory matter. Although I never visited this particular region, I did spend a summer in the mountains of Southern British Columbia, and I confess that your lists of species make me mighty homesick to see that part of the world again.

It was great fun seeing you here at Christmas time, and I hope that our paths may cross again in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

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

JMF:RS

April 3, 1941

Dr. W. C. Muenscher,
Dept. of Botany,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Muenscher:

Many thanks for your kind offer to supply me with seeds of Butomus umbellatus. Ever since seeing this plant on the shores of Lake Champlain, I have experienced a longing to have it grow around the pond near Botanical Gardens. I should be highly delighted to receive a few seeds from you, and would be only too glad to reciprocate in any way possible.

It was a great pleasure for me to see something of you during the Christmas meetings, and I hope that before long our paths may cross again.

Sincerely yours,

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

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665E: *Eutomus umbellatus*

April 8, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Fogg:-

During the Christmas meetings I believe you ^{inquired} mentioned about the germination of seeds of *Eutomus umbellatus*. The other day while I was getting out some seeds it occurred to me that if you are interested in growing this plant from seed, I now have a small quantity of viable seed which I could send you. This seed has been stored in water and will germinate within about six days after it is placed in water at ordinary temperatures. If you care for some, I shall be glad to send them to you.

Yours very truly,

W. C. Muensch
W. C. Muensch

WCM:EMD

April 15, 1941

Dr. W. C. Muenscher
Department of Botany
Cornell University
Ithaca, New York

Dear Dr. Muenscher:

The package of Butomus seeds arrived in good condition and have been turned over to our greenhouse man for germination. Thank you again a thousand times. I shall let you know later what success we have.

Sincerely yours,

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

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9213: "Suggestions for Collectors"

May 28, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Fogg:-

I wish to thank you for the several separates which you sent me recently. I am glad to have these, especially the one entitled "Suggestions for Collectors." I read this with much interest when it first appeared. I shall make good use of it, especially when students want suggestions for making collections.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Muensch

W. C. Muensch

WCM:EMD

July 27, 1942.

Dr. W. C. Muenscher,
Department of Botany,
New York State College of Agriculture,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York.

Dear Dr. Muenscher:

Last January I sent to Dr. Wiegand a packing case containing 333 specimens of Amelanchier from our Herbarium. These represented a loan of material which Dr. Wiegand had agreed to study and return to us. There was sent in a covering letter a key to the padlock on the case. A post card from him, dated February 6, 1942, reported the safe arrival of the shipment.

I write to you of this matter not because I am worried about the fate of our material but with the thought that whoever is in charge of the Herbarium following Dr. Wiegand's death may possibly be puzzled concerning these specimens. There may have been included in the shipment a few sheets not bearing our Herbarium stamp but belonging to the Carnegie Museum. These should be returned to us also as we wish to record them before sending them back to Pittsburgh.

I should be grateful to you for looking into this matter or for calling it to the attention of the proper person. If anyone there is still interested in studying these specimens, they may, of course, be retained for the desired amount of time. If not, I assume that you would be glad to get them off your hands, and it is that primarily which has prompted me to write.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Associate Professor of Botany.

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9324: Herbarium specimens

July 29, 1942

Dean John M. Fogg, Jr.
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia
Pennsylvania

Dear Dean Fogg:-

I am referring your letter of July 27 about the packing case of herbarium specimens of Amelanchier sent to Dr. Wiegand last January, to Dr. R. T. Clausen who is now in charge of our herbarium.

You will undoubtedly hear from Dr. Clausen very soon. I agree with you that it is desirable to have the specimens returned so that you may clear your records.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Muensch
W. C. Muensch

WCM:EMD

MUENSCHER, W. C.

August 2, 1945.

Dr. W. C. Muenschler,
Department of Botany,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York.

Dear Dr. Muenschler:

Since I do not know whether you are a regular subscriber to THE AQUARIUM, I am sending you a copy of the July number which contains a review of your book on aquatic plants. I am sorry it could not have been longer, but Mr. Innes was forced to restrict it to about five hundred words and I have tried to bring out what I thought were the salient points of your book.

I should like to take this further opportunity personally to congratulate you on a splendid piece of work and to state that it does not in the least surprise me that you have turned out what I consider to be the outstanding contribution to this subject. I have an equally high regard for the excellence of your book on weeds, which was of inestimable help to me in preparing a little semi-popular treatment on this subject recently gotten out by our Press.

With warm personal regards and best wishes,
I am

Sincerely yours,

John M. Fogg, Jr.,
Professor of Botany.

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11058 - Book review

August 8, 1945

Professor John M. Fogg, Jr.
Department of Botany
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Professor Fogg:

I wish to thank you for your courtesy in sending me a copy of The Aquarium in which you reviewed my recent book "Aquatic Plants of the United States". I wish to thank you for the kind words you have said about the book. It has received a very gratifying response. Your review in The Aquarium should reach a number of people interested in such a book who might not know about it otherwise.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Muenscher

W. C. Muenscher

WCM:LJL

From Fogg
MUENSCHER, W. C.

January 21, 1949

Dr. W. C. Muenschler,
Department of Botany,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York.

Dear Dr. Muenschler:

A recent letter from Dr. L. O. Gaiser of McMaster University concerns the occurrence of Butomus umbellatus toward the eastern end of Lake Erie. Dr. Gaiser had apparently formed the idea that I might have some knowledge of this species along the shores of Erie County, Pennsylvania, but unfortunately such is not the case.

Since Erie County has been so intensively explored by the botanists from the University of Pittsburgh, I have purposely kept away from it in my own field work throughout the State. I have, however, seen all of the Pennsylvania specimens in the Carnegie Museum and have as yet no information whatever concerning the existence of this species within the limits of our Commonwealth. If, as Dr. Gaiser suggests in a second letter, his information is based on a specimen collected on the Ontario side, I should expect in due course of time that the plant might work completely around the eastern end of the lake. If you have any knowledge whatever of its occurrence within our limits, I should indeed be grateful to know about it. I collected the species on Lake Champlain near Whitehall in 1934 and was amazed to see how widespread it was along the shores of the lake in that region.

Sincerely yours,

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January 24, 1949

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D. G. CLARK, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
R. T. CLAUSEN, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
C. H. UHL, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
13066 - Butomus

Dr. John M. Fogg, Jr.
Vice-Provost
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Fogg:

In response to your letter of January 21 concerning the Butomus umbellatus inquiry by Dr. L. O. Gaiser, I might say that this was probably prompted by a chance remark to her when she was here some time ago. Since then I have checked the impression I had gained and found that this was based upon a collection of Butomus umbellatus made by one of my graduate students, Mr. William R. Kelley, who saw and collected it in Elk Creek, Erie County, Pennsylvania in 1946 and again in 1947. A specimen which he collected in September 1947 has been submitted to Dr. Gaiser.

Mr. Kelley informs me that he first learned of this station through Dr. Wity who I believe is located at the University of Pittsburgh. At any rate he gave a summer course in the Presque Isle region and apparently first located the Butomus in Elk Creek some two or more years previous to 1946.

I hope that this will give enough information to let this interesting species into the flora of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I imagine that a letter of inquiry addressed to Dr. Wity would at least verify this information and possibly shed more light upon the first appearance of Butomus umbellatus in that region.

Sincerely yours,

W. C. Muensch

W. C. Muensch

WCM:mch

January 26, 1949

Dr. W. C. Muenscher,
Department of Botany,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Muenscher:

Many thanks for your letter of January 24th concerning the occurrence of Butomus umbellatus in Erie County, Pennsylvania. I have written at once to Pittsburgh to secure more precise information concerning the conditions of occurrence of this species and requesting, if possible, that a duplicate be sent to us for incorporation in our series of State records. I am indeed grateful to you for your prompt response to my inquiry.

With best wishes and warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Professor of Botany