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River, Bigelow, 1853–4; Healdsburg, Bryant, July 1887; Napa Co., Brendegee Aug. 1888; Folsom, Brandegee, July 1883; Adobe Flats, Mrs. Austin, July 1884, 118; Mt. Tamalpais, Jepson, Sept. 9, 1892, and Brandegee, July 1891; Yosemite, Torrey, 1872; Yreka, Greene, 1876, 947; Monterey, Nuttall; Auburn, Vasey, Oct. 1880; Peru Creek, Rothrock, 1875, 235; Truckee, Jcnes, 1881, 392a; Nevada Co., Jones, 1881, 2715), Nevada (Carson City, Anderson, 1864, 26, 54, 118; Yolo, Brandegee, Sept. 20, 1892; Palisades, Brandegee, 1886; Modoc Co., Mrs. Austin, Aug. 1885; Verano, Heaton, 1888; Sta. Cruz Mts., Price, 1890; Ukiah, Mrs. McCowen, June 1892), and Lower California (Orcutt, July 30, 1883).

The typical, usually green form, with ample serrate leaves, large bracts and dense inflorescence, passes into a grayer form with longer spikes and smaller bracts, and this in turn grades into var. . of Torrey and Grav's Flora, which is the Oenothera salicina of Nuttall, and is very canescent, with narrower leaves and bracts, smaller flowers and slenderer capsules. Variety imbricata Greene, is a virgate form, in wet ground becoming six or seven feet high, with the floriferous branches as much as two feet and a half long (Jepson, Erythea, i. 241 and 244). I do not see how to separate these forms as even varieties, although as here defined, densiflora is far more variable than the other species of the genus. Specimens from California (Yreka, Greene, 1876, 853; Sta. Lucia Mts., Vasey, July 1880), and Washington (Falcon Valley, Suksdorf, Aug. 3, 1882, 56, July 30, 1885, 343, 557 and 558), are variously intermediate between this species and stricta, in bract, flower, capsule and seed characters, as well as in habit, and are indicative of hybridity or a possible intermediate species which I cannot define.

A portion of Hall 188 is *Oenothera lepida*, var. *parviflora*, as noted by Mr. Watson on several sheets; but this may be distinguished by its larger acuminate buds, more strigose pubescence above, larger capsules and entire leaves

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