

The 1879 list gave merely the names of all species at that time known to have been found at Ottawa; but gave no information upon some of the most important points the local botanist requires to know about, such as the prevalence of any species in the locality, whether it be indigenous or introduced, plentiful or scarce.

Certain plants common in some localities are rare here, and *vice versa*; again, plants indigenous to Canada, but not to the Ottawa district, have been introduced either by accident or have escaped from cultivation. All of these facts should be made known to students, or they may fall into error. It was therefore thought well, this time, to add short notes under each species, giving the general habitat special localities and approximately the date in the year when collectors may expect to find the different species in flower.

With the exception of two or three species, all have been found by the writer in the localities mentioned, and in every case the actual specimens recorded have been carefully examined by him.

A general habitat is given for each species, and in the case of rarities, exact localities are mentioned. When no special locality is given, it is intended to show that the species is of common occurrence.

When no collector's name is given after a locality, or the initials (J. F.) appear, the writer is responsible for the record. When a plant of interest is recorded from other localities than those where the writer has found it, the name of the collector is given in parentheses. In instances where a person's name is followed by an asterisk, (*) it is to show that this was the first record of the plant having been discovered in the Ottawa district.

In indicating the time of the year when the plant may be looked for in flower, the months have been divided into four quarters, so that when the name of a month is followed by the numbers 1, 2, 3 or 4, it shows that the plant may be expected to flower in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th quarter of the month.

Synonyms have been, for the most part, omitted, except in cases where plants appear in the list under other names than those given in Dr. Gray's "Manual." These, as well as introduced plants, (whether into this district or into Canada) are printed in Italics.