

In the marsh grows the Marsh Mallow, *Malva moscheutos*, a pink hybiscus of hollyhock-like aspect and striking beauty. Another plant not growing on the Point but found in some of the streams emptying into the Detroit River nearby is the American Lotus, *Nelumbo lutea*, a plant of such tropical characteristics as to seem quite out of place in our Canadian flora. Its leaves stand up some eighteen inches or more from the water on stiff round stems, each surmounted with a circular pad nearly two feet in diameter, balanced in the center like a spinning plate on a juggler's wand. The flower is like a large water lily six inches in diameter and of a rich cream color, having a yellow green seed pod in the center, of curious form, studded with the projecting heads of acorn-like seeds.

The Red Mulberry, *Morus rubra*, is not an uncommon tree and occurs in scattered individuals throughout the hardwood section, growing in some instances into large forest trees. Evidently they do not bear fruit every year, as some that we were informed bore profusely the previous year were this season barren and others were well laden that had not been observed fruiting before. Though the habit of growth at the ends of the branches of large trees makes the fruit difficult of gathering, we secured several lots of berries for the table and found them delicious. The great variety in shape of the leaves is surprising and seems to be largely characteristic of individual trees, though partially an effect of age. Young trees always show much variety of leafage shape, and old ones frequently do so.

Sassafras, *Sassafras variifolium*, is very common and occurs to considerable size. A like variation of leaf shape is shown in the species, variation always appearing in young shoots and frequently in the old trees.

The most striking plant on the Point, however, is the Prickly Pear, *Opuntia Rafinesquii*, a cactus growing low on the ground, but of typical cactus form and shape and more than usually well armed with many clusters of minute hair-like prickles and a few scattered thorns of heavier growth. It occurs in more or less circular beds on the driest soil and blossoms profusely. The flowers are some two and a half inches across and of a bright lemon-yellow color. A bed in full bloom is a most striking sight. The plant is very hardy and can stand the extremest aestivation. Bits and lobes that we brought home without earth and never watered remained fresh and solid looking for several months, and some belated blossoms opened out nearly seven weeks after being collected.