

UNDER the GREENWOOD TREE

By Sylvan Hortus

Amelanchier--an annual Enigma

Each year I find it necessary to reacquaint myself with the group of small trees called Amelanchier or Serviceberry. Peck gives Oregon four species in his "A Manual of the Higher Plants of Oregon." He also gives each one of the four a distinct geographical region to inhabit and speaks of no overlapping. So he gives Western Oregon but one species, A. Florida.

By some botanists, Peck regarded as a splitter—he sees a multitude of species instead of intergrading or varieties of a single species. On the other hand, Sudworth, who is regarded by many botanists as a lumper—he sees as mere intergrading, what others recognize as separate species; recognizes but one species which he calls A. alnifolia.

I find on our Sandy river flats, three distinct Amelanchiers, which agree in characteristics with the three blue fruited species of Peck, so I will stick to Peck's nomenclature, even though I find evidence to disagree with his geography. Either that or there

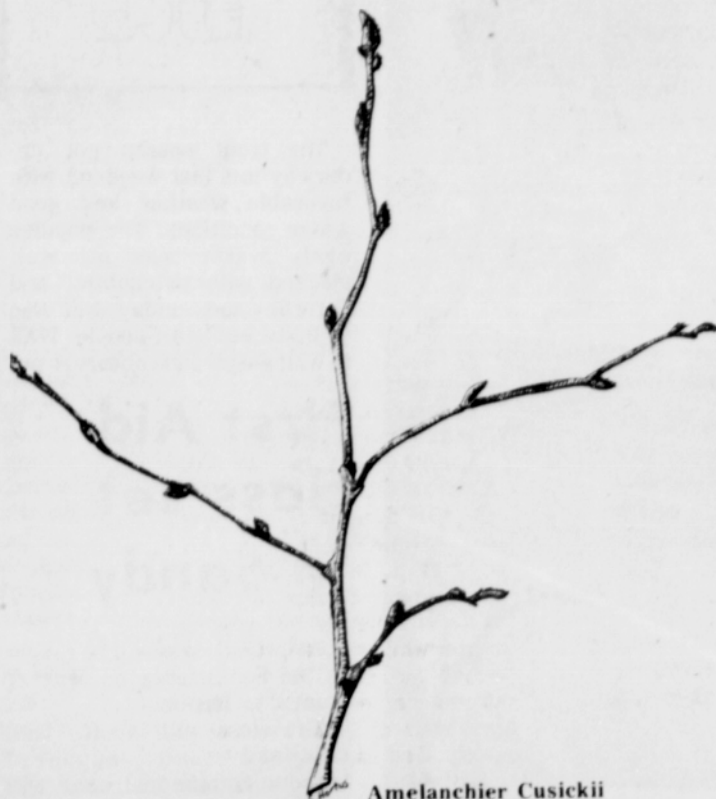
are two additional species of Amelanchier heretofore not recorded. The genus Amelanchier is a member of the rose family. The genus is worldwide in distribution, and from what I can read on it, not fully understood.

It is on Easter Sunday that I write this, and it was today I sketched the three species from life that are reproduced here. A. Pallida has been in bloom for a week or more; the flower buds have all opened and the leaves have grown enough to reveal their mature shape and characteristics. The terminal flower racemes are fully expanded. These flowers are startling white with just a hint of green at the petal bases. The tree is short and stubby with long horizontal branches. It resembles most a crabapple tree. The bark is grey, even on the newest twigs. Peck states that this species is confined to Josephine and Lake counties in Oregon and is also found in Northern California. We definitely have it here.

Amelanchier Florida (A. Alnifolia of Sudworth) is just

starting to bloom. Most of the racemes are still in bud with just the basal floret of the raceme expanded on the more terminal twigs. The florets are smaller with the straplike petals shorter. The white petals have a strong wash of pink on the reverse which gives the buds a rose color. The fine twigs are reddish brown. Its season is about two weeks behind A. Pallida.

Amelanchier Cusickii is still in tight bud. The silky hairs on one side of the bud are the only development to show the tree has left its winter dormancy. It



Amelanchier Cusickii

will be from two weeks to a month before this species blooms. This is the species that Peck relegates to East of the Cascades along our Northern border. The twigs are brown and very fine with ascending branches. Both these latter two species have ascending branches and are not as stout as A. Pallida, although both outreach Pallida in height.

I find several specimens of all three species often growing within the same acre, as I did today. Wanting an analogy, I began looking for Willows. In the confines of the same acre, I

found four willow species growing wild; Sitchensis, the Silky Willow; Scouleriana, the Pacific Willow; Lasianandra, the Black Willow; and one of the narrow leaved Sandbar Willows, fluvialis. It is obvious their growing in close proximity does not dim their claim to specific status.

A. Pallida does have much longer petals than Peck cites for the species, but then he made his observations in dry country, and the wetter climate locally could lead to a more robust plant in many features.



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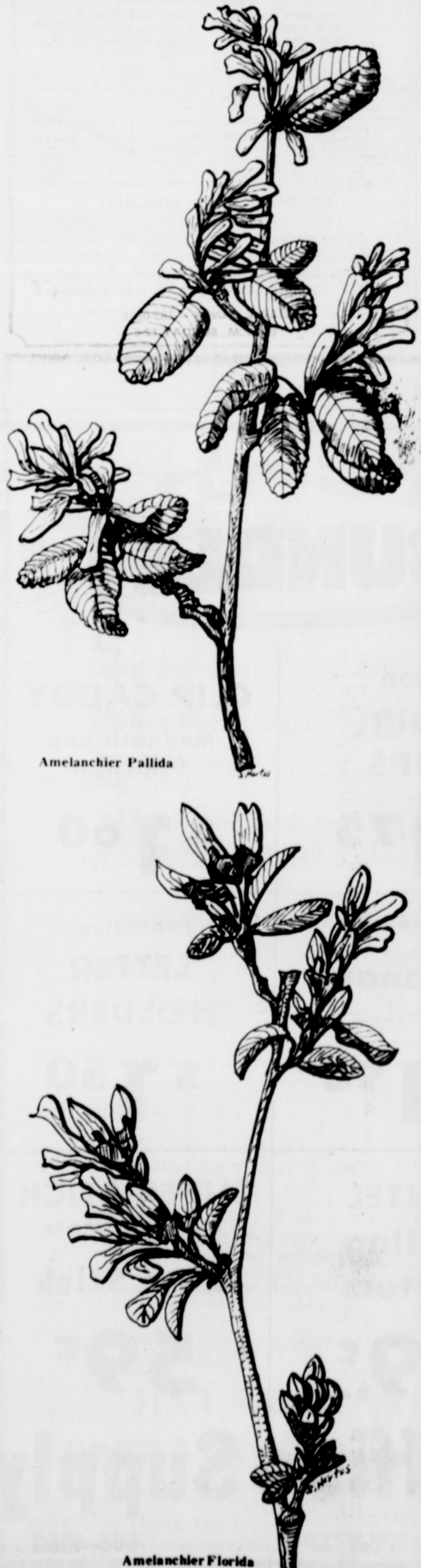
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