

- (X). Pool - FF.
- 51 - N. O'MARANA - (Named by Duke of Devonshire for Lord Marana.) Large flowers with reddish pink petals having nearly white stripes through center (X). Pool P, V, FF.
- 52 - N. HAARS TICK - Its amazingly beautiful flower has deep red petals and striking copper colored leaves (X). Pool P, FF.
- 53 - N. DENTATA MAGNIFICA - (Developed by Mr. Peter Bisset, Department of Agriculture). Flowers 8-12 inches across, creamy white with pure yellow stamens and very wide petals. slightly concave, giving the bloom a cup-shaped appearance (X). Pool P, V, FF.
- 54 - N. KEWENSIS - (Probably originated in Kew Gardens, England.) Flowers a beautiful shade of pink (X). Pool-FF.
- 55 - NEL.(=) SPECIOSUM (EGYPTIAN LOTUS) - Large flowers with a deep rose color shading to cream at the base of petals. Pool-E, M, N, O, GG.
- 56 - NEL.ROSEUM SEMIPLENUM - This lotus flower is a carmine-rose. Pool-F, GG
- 57 - NEL.PEKINENSIS RUBRUM (LOTUS) - (Named for City of Pekin, China.) The flowers are very large and of a very rosy-carmine color. Pool-J, GG.
- 58 - NEL.PEKINENSIS RUBRUM PLENUM (LOTUS) - Similar to #57 but with flowers very double making it extremely showy. Pool GG.
- 59 - NEL.LUTEUM (AMERICAN LOTUS) - A superb variety with yellow flowers native to western and southwestern states. Pool S, GG.

More recent additions to the Gardens

- 60 - NEL.STRIATUM (LOTUS) - White touched with red as if a person has touched edges with a brush. Pool-GG.
- 61 - NEL.SHIROMAN - Cream color, double Japanese Lotus. Pool-GG.
- 62 - N. LOS ANGELES - (Named for the City of Los Angeles.) Flower white (X). Pool V, P, FF.
- 63 - N. KENILWORTH COMET - Flower deep red (X). Pool-FF.
- 64 - N. MRS. E. G. HUTCHINS - Flower of this water lily is pink (X). Pool-P, V, FF.
- 65 - N. MRS. H. C. HITCHCOCK - Deep pink flower (X). Pool-P, V, FF.
- 66 - N. PRIDE OF CALIFORNIA - Flower ruby red (X). Pool-P, FF.
- 67 - N. FRANK TRELEASE - (Named after Frank Trelease a florist and horticulturist.) Magenta-red flower (X). Pool-P, V, FF.
- 68 - N. RUTH GOBER - Named for Miss Gober who has assisted Mrs. Fowler for years and who is an authority on water lilies and lotus. Flowers are pale blue (#). Pool - EE.
- 69 - N. ST. LOUIS - (Named for the City of St. Louis). Yellow flowers - this is the only yellow tropical lily extant (#). Pool-EE.
- 70 - N. AMETHYSE - As the name suggests the flowers are a delicate amethyst (#). Pool-EE.
- 71 - N. IZETTA JEWELL - (Named for the actress Izetta Jewell). Has real dark blue flowers.Pool-R.
- 72 - N. C. W. WARD - (An early horticulturist). Flowers a beautiful rich pink (#). Pool-R.
- 73 - N. PATRICIA - (Named for daughter of Mr. Charles Tricker, a water lily specialist.) Flowers are a deep rose pink (#). Pool-EE.
- 74 - N. SHIRLEY MARIE - This water lily has soft pink flowers (#). Pool-EE.
- 75 - N. INDEPENDENCE - Bright blue flowers (#) distinguish this water lily. Pool-EE.
- 76 - N. PYGMAIA - Flowers white. The smallest water lily known. Pool-II.
- 77 - N. PYGMAIA HELVOLA - Very much like #76 but has yellow flowers. Pool-II.
- 78 - N. LADEKERI ROSEA - (Refers to Ladaker, a French Officer.) Delightful rose colored flowers. Pool-II.
- 79 - WATER POPPY - A white poppy which thrives in water. Pool-II.

FOOTNOTES REFERRING TO CHARACTERS OF PLANTS MENTION IN KEY

- (#) - Hardy day blooming lily.
- (") - Tender day blooming tropical water lilies, Pools-R, EE.
- (X) - Tender night blooming tropical water lilies, Pools-P, V, FF.
- (\*) - Nymphaea, the generic name of water lilies is indicated here by N. The second name appearing in full is usually used as the common name of the plant.
- (-) - W. B. Shaw was founder of the Gardens in 1882.
- (!) - Mrs. L. Helen Fowler, daughter of W. B. Shaw the founder of the gardens.
- (=) - NELUMBIUM the generic name of the Lotus is indicated here by NEL.

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THE KENILWORTH AQUATIC GARDENS

The Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens of the National Capital Park System provide a distinctive park feature, probably not duplicated anywhere in the world. Formerly known as the W. B. Shaw lily gardens, they were acquired by the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior late in the year 1938 and made their debut as a public institution last year. The gardens originally were founded by the late W. B. Shaw, who moved to the District of Columbia in 1880 and two years later determined to satisfy a longing for the flowers of his native Maine by transplanting some of the hardy wild varieties of water lilies from the ponds of the rock-shored state. Because his neighbors so admired his water lilies, Mr. Shaw expanded his gardens, made water plants his hobby and soon was busy importing exotic varieties, hybridising and adapting them to local conditions, creating new and lovelier varieties and, almost before he realized it, had become one of the best known breeders of aquatic flowering plants in the world. Upon his death, more than a decade ago, he was recognized as an outstanding authority on this phase of the horticultural science and the products of his gardens had been shipped to grace the lily ponds of public institutions and private estates of many lands. From the time of his passing until the acquisition of the property by the Federal Government, his work was carried on by his daughter, Mrs. L. Helen Fowler.

MIDSUMMER DISPLAY

June, July and August are the months recommended for a visit to the Kenilworth Gardens by the National Capital Parks authorities. Early in June the hardy day bloomers reach the peak of perfection and display their charm and grace. The visitor may expect to find more than 3,000 blooms, representing some 80 varieties displaying their multi-colored beauty almost any fine June morning. Beginning in mid-July, the tropical varieties reach full bloom and the surface of the garden pools becomes resplendent with exotic loveliness.

Perhaps the most spectacular feature of the Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens is the Nelumbium - the famous lotus of history. This class of plant is most decorative and interesting and captures the fancy of every aquatic grower. The foliage itself is covered with a small light, peach-like bloom and the flowers are very large, exquisitely tinted, giving off a delicate perfume of Oriental significance. The Egyptian Lotus (Nelumbo Speciosum), reputed favorite of Cleopatra, deep rose in color, here vie for favor with Oriental and even native American varieties varying in color from carmine to pale yellow.

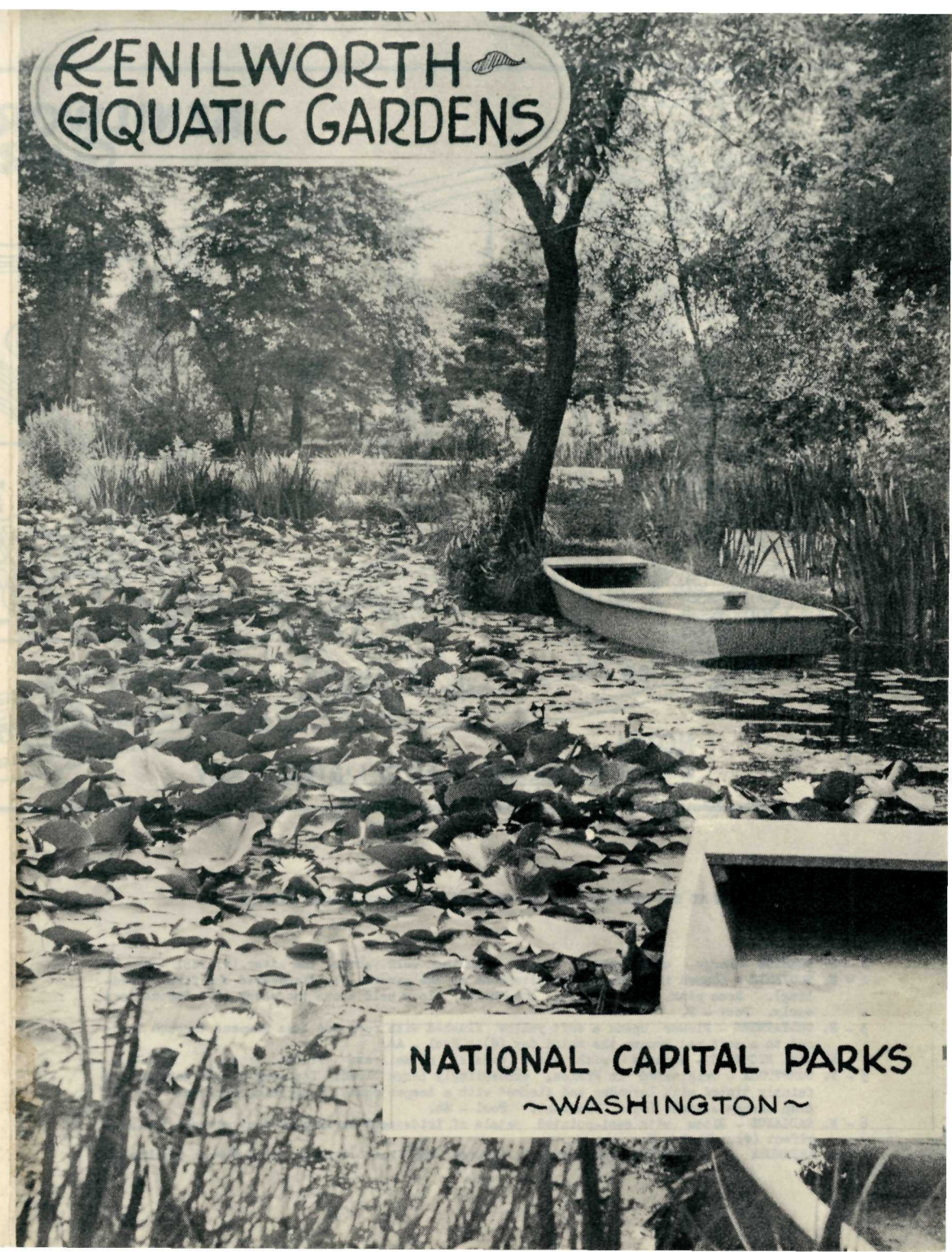
In addition to the water lilies and the lotus, the garden also contains choice specimens of water iris and other sub-aquatics, such as arrowhead, cat-tail, water poppy, parrot's feather, water hyacinth, water forget-me-not, and lizard's tail.

BIRD LIFE

Students of local avifauna find the abundant and interesting bird life of the Kenilworth Gardens an additional lure. The graceful blue herons, snowy egrets and other water birds which made the flower-studded pools their summertime habitat and the merry music of the scores of distinctive songsters is common to the area. The ruby-throated hummingbird, the mocking bird, mourning dove, woods thrush, whippoorwill, cardinal, robin and wren are prominent among this group. The osprey and an occasional bald eagle have been known to visit the locality and wild ducks and other waterfowl are frequent visitors during the winter months. The Kenilworth Gardens are within the Anacostia Park boundaries and all of the wildlife are protected under the established law which makes the District of Columbia a wildlife sanctuary.

The early bird gets the best view of the Kenilworth Gardens and the park officials recommend a visit between 8:00 A.M. and noon. The Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens can be reached from downtown Washington by driving east on H Street to the 15th Street, Maryland Avenue, Bladensburg Road and Benning Road intersection (N.E.) - thence east on Benning Road to Kenilworth Avenue - north on Kenilworth Avenue to Douglas Street, N. E., where a sign will invite you to turn left to the gardens. (See inset map)

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