

July 15, 1958

Miss Mary Ann Kochanski
c/o Joseph Thaddeus Kochanski
1235 N. Quintana Street
Arlington, Virginia

Dear Miss Kochanski:

Mrs. Carl D. Whitney of Falls Church, Virginia recently sent me a flower specimen for identification, one in which I understand you are especially interested.

Although impossible to make a positive determination without having more information about the plant, I can assure you the yellow flower is one of the Hypericums, commonly known as St. Johnsworts, a group of low woody shrubs sometimes used as ground covers. There is a possibility your plant is the Blue Ridge St. Johnswort, *Hypericum buckleyi*, a species which should be found in your area. Knowing its maximum height would have been helpful to us in arriving at a more definite conclusion regarding the species name.

I hope this will clear up the matter satisfactorily.

Yours very truly,

E. L. Kammerer

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CC: Mrs. Carl D. Whitney,
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