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For some years I have been engaged on a treatment of the Leguminosae of the United States. I summarized the genus Lotus in the United States (native and introduced species) in manuscript about 10 years ago. It is a reasonably pragmatic interpretation but is crude, particularly among the elements studied by Alice Ottley (which she did not understand and neither do I as yet). I have made several revisions in this manuscript treatment based on field work in California, but don't think I have touched the genus now for five years.

When I eventually get to Lotus again, I will hopefully have accumulated more field experience to match with herbarium accessions to use in sharpening my preliminary decisions. And I will review and consider data from all other sources (such as recent cytogenetic studies) in rendering my type of judgements.