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Lotus Activities

Activities have been confined to seed collections of L. oblongifolius and L. crassifolius for the Sierra clear-cut reseeding projects.

As you know we are experienced our worst drought in about 80 years. However, here on the range L. strigosus was again an abundant forb. My supervisor recalls that this was the case in our last drought year--1959.

I have been assigned to a 5-year reseeding study with the emphasis on legume species. At the present this is a cooperative project with Agricultural Research Service range people in Reno and includes 3 rose clovers, 3 subclovers and one barrel medic. I am hoping next year to include L. corniculatus in some swale reseeding plots. Are there any particular cultivars of Viking (variety now recommended for California) that might be more suitable for our marginal rainfall area (ca, 460 mm)? Do you know of anyone who is working specifically on varieties suitable to Mediterranean climates? Any suggestions or information would be welcome.