glabrous or thinly hairy without. Corolla 5-partite near to the base, campanulate in outline rotate, tube 7-8 mm long, single, adnate to the base of corollatube, inserted on the staminal tube, of 5 laterally compressed, fleshy, 3 mm long scales which are adnate to the filaments, and of 5 pouch-like folds at base of the column alternating with the anthers; stamens 5, filaments connate; anthers with round incurved 1 mm long membranous appendages; translator inverted Y-shaped 1 mm long, corpeculum minute, dark-brown, retinacula minute, pollinia solitary in each cell, clavate. Ovary of 2 carpels, style linear, free, 2 mm long; stigma 5-gonal, 1 mm across, with a slightly raised surface; disk small. Fruits not seen.

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A NOTE ON DERRIS SCANDENS (ROXB.) BENTH.

Pittier in his monograph (1917) on the Middle American species of Lonchocarpus changed the nomenclature of Derris scandens (Roxb.) Benth. to D. timoriensis (DC.) Pittier, basing on Dalbergia timoriensis DC. (1825). He argued that the name Dalbergia scandens Roxb. (1805) upon which Derris scandens was erected (Bentham, 1860), has been antedated by the existence of an earlier name Deguelia scandens Aubl. (1775) for a distinct species of present day Derris from Guiana. According to him the Guiana plant (Deguelia scandens) should be rightly called Derris scandens (Aubl.) Pittier and the name of the Asiatic plant in question (Derris scandens Benth.) should be changed to Derris timoriensis (DC.) Pittier, basing upon the next available epithet Dalbergia timoriensis DC. (1825).

The author too at first concurred with Pittier's argument in recognising (Thothathri, 1972) Derris scandens Aubl. was earlier to Dalbergia scandens Roxb., yet the specific epithet scandens in the genus Derris was occupied (1860) when Pittier (1917) proposed the name Derris scandens (Aubl.) for the Guiana plant which is therefore illegitimate. Consequently the new combination Derris timoriensis (DC.) Pittier for the Asiatic species is also not valid. Derris timoriensis (DC.) Pittier var. saharanpurensis Thoth., a new variety, described by the author (1972) should be changed as follows:


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