

thinly clothed with appressed white hairs. Leaves upto 6 cm long; petioles 0.5-1.7 cm long; stipules 6.6 cm long, filiform, hairy, persistent; leaflets 3-5, $\pm 2 \times 0.6$ cm, shortly petiolulate, elliptic, obovate, oblanceolate, apiculate, thinly clothed with white appressed hairs on both the surfaces. Flowers 10-20, crowded in axillary and short peduncled racemes; pedicels short; bracts linear-lanceolate, hairy; calyx ± 3.5 mm long, 5-lobed; lobes long, linear, subulate, sub-equal; tube very short; corolla ± 4 mm long, pale pink, slightly exerted; standard petal obovate, hairy without; wing petals obliquely oblong; keel petals united upto their middle; stamens 9+1, anthers apiculate, ovary sub-sessile, style short and incurved, stigma capitate. Pods 1.3-2.3 \times 0.3 cm, linear, reflexed, clothed with white appressed hairs, quite flat with shortly raised longitudinal ridge along the centre of the flattened faces, septate, apiculate, 4-8 seeded. Seeds $\pm 3 \times 2$ mm, sub-quadrangular, compressed, brown.

Gamble (*loc. cit.*, p. 221) states "I found *Indigofera anabaptista* Steud.; F. B. I. 2. 102 in the Fort at Bellary. It had probably come from a seed casually imported from Sind or Arabia". Cooke (*loc. cit.*, p. 334) states "A very rare plant, confined (in India) to Sind and the Punjab".

MADRAS STATE: Coimbatore, Chandrabose 28997 (MH).

Distribution: Afghanistan, Arabia, Belgian Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, French Sudan, India,

Kenya, Nigeria, Somalia, Sudan, Tanganyika, Uganda, W. Pakistan.

Flowering & fruiting: May to November.

Acalypha malabarica Muell.-Arg. in *Linnaea* 34:42. 1865, in DC. Prodr. 15:871. 1866; Hook. f. Fl. Brit. India 5:416. 1887; Pax & Hoffmann in Engler, Pflanzenr. 85:97. 1924; Gamble, Fl. Pres. Madras 2:930. (Repr. ed.) 1957; Cooke, Fl. Pres. Bombay 3:109. (Repr. ed.) 1958. *Ricinocarpus malabaricus* O. Kze. Rev. 2: 618. 1891.

An erect herb, 15-33 cm high; stems pubescent. Leaves petiolate, elliptic-ovate or elliptic-lanceolate, crenate-serrate, sub-acute at apex, acute or sub-acute at base, sparsely hairy; petioles upto 5 cm long, slender, pubescent. Spikes 0.8-2 cm long, axillary, androgynous; bracts of the female flowers 2-4 mm long, 4-8 mm broad, folded, enclosing 2-5 flowers, shortly toothed; teeth upto 24, bordered with gland tipped hairs. Capsules $\pm 2 \times 2.5$ mm, hirsute, 3-seeded. Seeds ovoid, smooth.

Gamble (*loc. cit.*) has reported the occurrence of this taxon from S. Kanara and Mysore.

MADRAS STATE: Coimbatore, Chandrabose 28993 (MH).

Distribution: India: Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Kerala, Maharashtra and Mysore State.

Flowering & fruiting: Throughout the year.

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A NEW COMBINATION IN *THERIOPHONUM* BL. (ARACEAE)

A new monotypical genus of Araceae, *Pauella* Ramam. et Seb. has been described in the Bulletin of the Botanical Survey of India 8 (3-4): 348-351, 1967, illustrated with an excellent plate. But the differences of the genus have much more specific than generic character. It was pointed out the linear-lanceolate or oblong-lanceolate leaf blade, the elongate exerted appendix, not truncate at base, but gradually merges into the inflorescence. The leaves of the Araceae show a large variation also within many genera, for instance in the genus *Typhonium* Schott appears sagittate, hastate, tripartite or pedate leaves; in the genus *Arophyton* Jumelle cordate, hastate, tripartite and pedate leaves; etc. The juvenile and adult leaves in Araceae are often quite different. Only another leaf form and a more elongated appendix can't be used to separate an own genus. An appendix which is

not truncate at base also appears in the genus *Theriophonum* Bl. The flowers of *Pauella* Ramam. et Seb. principally agree with those of the genus *Theriophonum* Bl. There is no doubt that *Pauella sivagangana* Ramam. et Seb. represents a good species of the genus *Theriophonum* Bl. Therefore the following new combination is necessary:

Theriophonum sivaganganum (Ramam. et Seb.) Bogner comb. nov.

Pauella sivagangana Ramam. et Seb. in Bull. bot. Surv. India 8 (3-4): 348-351, 1967.

Holotype Ramamurthy 20794 A (CAL).

This species falls in the section II *Calyptrocoryne* (Bl.) Engl. of the genus *Theriophonum* Bl. The genus *Theriophonum* Bl. is distributed in India and Ceylon.

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