

habitat in the intervening parts of the country in the near future.

Specimen examined: Pant 28228 (BSD).

Psilotrichum ferrugineum (Roxb.) Moq. in DC. Prodr. 13: 279. 1849; Hook. f. Fl. Brit. Ind. 4: 725. 1885; Backer and Bakhuizen Van Den Brink, Fl. Java 1: 237. 1963. *Achyranthes ferruginea* Roxb. Fl. Ind. 227. 1874.

Herbaceous weed of moist habitats. Flowers in terminal or axillary spikes. Tepals lanceolate, strongly nerved, 2-3 mm long. Seeds glossy.

P. ferrugineum (Roxb.) Moq. is distributed throughout Malaysia. In India, it was hitherto known in Sunderbans, and in Calcutta as a weed of gardens and cultivated fields. This has now been collected at Gar-

gia and Sarpadull environs (Ramnagar Forest Division, Uttar Pradesh), along the margins of forest and forest paths, within Corbett National Park. The present finding of this weed in the park area suggests that it has come in the wake of the tourists visiting this National Park.

Specimens examined: Pant 43013, 43215 (BSD).

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A NOTE ON *URTICA URENS* LINN. (URTICACEAE)

The author collected an Urticaceous plant, growing profusely as a weed along the boundaries of cultivated fields and waste places at Bhandari Bagh, Dehra Dun, which on critical study and comparison with the authentic specimens turned out to be *Urtica urens* Linn., a species which does not appear to have been recorded in published literature on the Indian Flora.

Urtica urens Linn. (Urticaceae), generally known as the "Small Nettle" is a common weed, found in cultivated fields, gardens, orchards and waste places throughout the British Isles. It is distributed in the sub-temperate and temperate zone in Europe, California, Soviet Russia and Tropical Africa. A record of its occurrence along with a detailed description is given here for its easy identification.

Urtica urens Linn. Sp. Pl. 1: 984. 1753; Butcher, New Ill. Brit. Fl. I: 945. 1961; O. Polunin in Fl. Europea 58. 1969.; Stella Ross-Craig, Draw. Brit. Pl. 9. 1970.

Erect, branched, annual herb up to 65 cm high. Stem 4-angled with sparse stinging hairs. Leaves opposite, olive-green; petiole 3-5 cm long; blade 1-4 cm × 3-5 cm, ovate or elliptic-ovate, obtuse, truncate or sub-cordate at the base, deeply dentate, glabrous except for the stinging hairs; stipules 4, free, about 1.5 mm long, lanceolate-acute, hairy. Flowers in small, dense, monoecious clustered cymes in the axils of the leaves, the female flowers more numerous than the male. Male flowers: perianth segments 1-1.5 mm × .75-1.4 mm, ovate-lanceolate, acute to sub-acute, membranous. Female flowers: perianth segments unequal, outer segments minute, about half the length of the wide ovate inner segments, inner segments larger, 1.5-2.2 mm × 1-1.5 mm, ovate-obtuse enclosing the fruit, ciliate on margins with a stinging hair on the back, otherwise glabrous. Nut about 1-4.2 mm × 1-1.4 mm, compressed, ovate, smooth and shining.

Flower and Fruit: March-May.

Specimens examined: Dehra Dun, Bhandari Bagh 700 m—*Surendra Singh* 50015 (BSD); Punjab, Amritsar 220 m—*P. N. Mehra* 112455 and 112456 (DD); Uppala—*P. G. Boren* 59361 (DD); Bedfordshire—*A. B. Sampson* 134106 (DD).
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CHROMOSOME SURVEY OF CERTAIN ANGIOSPERMS—I

<i>Family and Name of the Taxon</i>	<i>Chromosome Number</i>	<i>Locality</i>	<i>Voucher No.</i>
MUSACEAE			
<i>Heliconia arabica</i> Lamk.	n=11	India, West Bengal, Indian Botanic Garden, Howrah	CBLH 9481
CAPPARIDACEAE			
<i>Gynandropsis pentaphylla</i> DC.	n=10	India, West Bengal, Sonarpur, 24-Parganas	CBLH 2484
—do—	n=17	India, West Bengal, Indian Botanic Garden, Howrah	CBLH 1791
LEGUMINOSAE			
<i>Mimosa pudica</i> Linn.	n=26	India, West Bengal, Indian Botanic Garden, Howrah	CBLH 10656
<i>Psoralea corylifolia</i> Linn.	n=9	India, East Bengal, Baruipur, 24-Parganas	CBLH 10831
<i>Smithia sensitiva</i> Ait	n=19	India, West Bengal, Dutta Pukur, 24-Parganas	CBLH 1783
EUPHORBIACEAE			
<i>Croton oblongifolius</i> Roxb.	n=11	India, Maharashtra, Kalma	CBLH 9715
VITACEAE			
<i>Ampelocissus latifolia</i> (Roxb.) Planch	2n=40	India, West Bengal	CBLH 10518
<i>Cayratia carnosa</i> Gagnep.	2n=80	India, West Bengal, Diamond Harbour, 24-Parganas	CBLH 10501
<i>Cayratia pedata</i> (Vahl) Gagnep.	n=40	India, West Bengal, Diamond Harbour, 24-Parganas	CBLH 10515
STERCULIACEAE			
<i>Abroma angusta</i> Linn. f.	n=11	India, West Bengal, Indian Botanic Garden, Howrah	CBLH 10900
LYTHRACEAE			
<i>Ludwigia adscendens</i> (Linn.) Hara	n=16	India, West Bengal, Ranaghat, Nadia	CBLH 10554
BORAGINACEAE			
<i>Ehretia laevis</i> Roxb.	n=13	India, West Bengal, Purulia	CBLH 9725
SOLANACEAE			
<i>Solanum sisymbriifolium</i> Lamk.	2n=24	India, West Bengal, Dutta Pukur, 24-Parganas	CBLH 1784
PEDALIACEAE			
<i>Sesamum indicum</i> Linn.	n=9	India, West Bengal, Baruipur, 24-Parganas	CBLH 10848

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