

TWO INTERESTING RECORDS FROM WESTERN HIMALAYA

During the Kedarnath Parbat Expedition of 1968 (Naithani 1972), the author collected two plants which on further study have proved to be new records for Western Himalaya. These were previously known only from Eastern Himalaya.

1. *Leontopodium fimbrilligerum* J. R. Drumm. in Kew Bull. 1910: 76. 1910.

A species close to *L. alpinum* Cass. but distinguished from it by the yellow involucreal leaves and by the fimbriate involucreal scales. Previously known from Chumbi Valley, ca 3350 m. King's collector (HOLOTYPE, CAL).

Present collection: Tapovan, Tehri-Garhwal, 4700 m, 26th. Sept. 1967—B. D. Naithani 37439 (BSD).

2. *Rhododendron nivale* Hook. f. in Rhod. Sikkim Himal. 29t. 26, B, 1851; Fl. Brit. India 3: 472. 1882.

An almost prostrate shrub occurring on rocky slopes. Previously known from Langtang, Sikkim and Southern Tibet at 4700-5400 m.

Present collection: Sivaling Base, Tehri-Garhwal, 472 mm, 26th. Sept 1967—B. D. Naithani 37448 (BSD).

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IDENTITY OF *ANACOLOSA GRIFFITHII* MAST. FROM ANDAMANS

Three taxa of the genus *Anacolosa* Bl. (Olacaceae) have been reported from Andaman & Nicobar group of islands. These are: 1. *Anacolosa puberula* Kurz (Masters in Hook. f. 1875). 2. *A. puberula* var. *andamanica* King (King, 1895; Parkinson, 1923). 3. *A. griffithii* Mast. (in Hook. f. 1875).

A scrutiny of the material of the genus and literature reveals that King's collection (CAL Acc. No. 82964) on which *A. griffithii* was reported from Andamans has been misunderstood.

While studying the genus *Anacolosa* Bl. the author came across specimens labelled as *A. griffithii* Mast. from Andamans and Burma. On a critical examination of the sheet No. CAL 82964, it is seen that the Andaman specimen does not match with the description given in the protologue (Masters, l.c.) but the Burmese specimen agrees with it.

There is an earlier manuscript label attached with this herbarium sheet (CAL 82964). This label has been put in Kew herbarium where the sheet seems to have been sent for opinion. The label reads:

"This=specimen in the Herb. Kew, Andaman Kurz, labelled *A. griffithii* by Masters, but clearly different from Griffith's plant of which a small piece is sent herewith."

This also suggests that Kurz's collection lying under the name *A. griffithii* Mast. from Andamans, both in K and CAL (82964) and *A. griffithii* Mast. from Burma are quite different plants.

A specimen of *A. griffithii* Mast. (Griff. 821, Mergui. CAL Acc. No. 82965) is available and has been carefully compared with CAL. 82964, and this also leads to the same conclusion.

Kurz (1872) described, *Anacolosa puberula* and mentioned the type locality to be And-