

## NEW RECORDS OF TWO TAXA FOR MADHYA PRADESH

This note presents two new records of species for Madhya Pradesh viz. *Stylidium kunthii* Wall. ex DC. and *Chirita bifolia* D. Don. The specimens are deposited in the herbarium of Central Circle, Botanical Survey of India, Allahabad (BSA).

***Stylidium kunthii*** Wall. ex DC. (Fig. 1) represented by Panigrahi 8689 and rooting in the sandy alluvial soil and in flowering condition was collected by G. Panigrahi from Pali in Bilaspur district of Madhya Pradesh on 17-4-65.

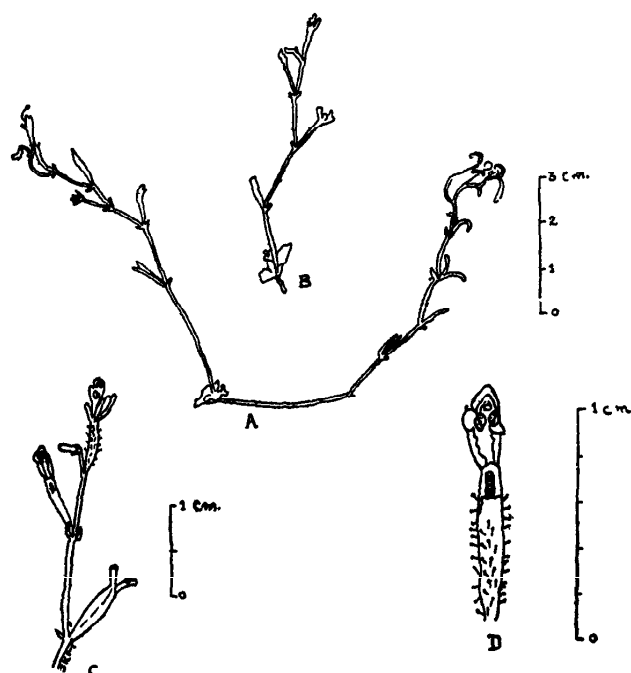


Fig. 1. *Stylidium kunthii* Wall. ex DC.

A. A branch. B. Flowering branch. C. Flowers. D. A flower showing ovary, column of the stamens and stigma.

***Chirita bifolia*** D. Don (Fig. 2) according to Clarke (1884), is a temperate species occurring at 1830 m (6000 ft) from Garhwal to Nepal in the Western Himalayas. *Chirita bifolia* D. Don represented by Panigrahi 4509 was collected by G. Panigrahi from Dhupgarh (1230 m) on the Pachmari Plateau on 26-7-64. However, the species not only

turns up as a new record for Madhya Pradesh, but its occurrence in the Central India

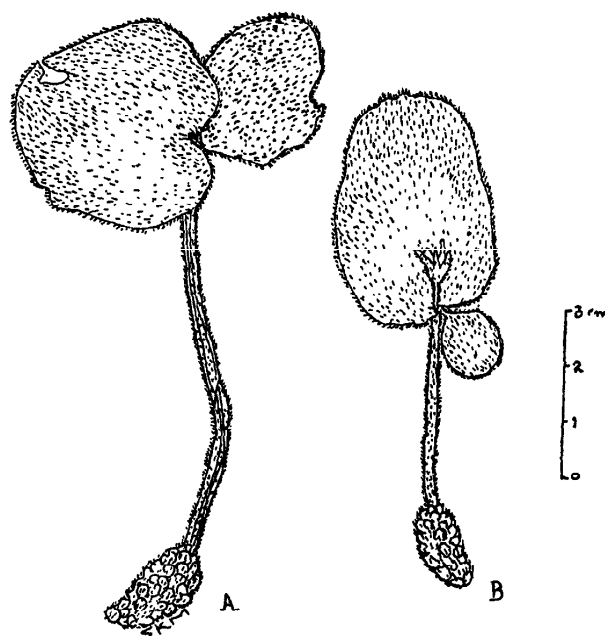


Fig. 2. *Chirita bifolia* D. Don

A. Entire plant (Vegetative). B. Plant in flower.

at a height of about 1230 m, when considered against its earlier record from the temperate Himalayas, is of phytogeographical interest.

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