

NOTES ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF *BAUHINIA KHASIANA* BAKER (*LEGUMINOSAE* : *CAESALPINIOIDEAE*)

Larsen *et al.* (1980) while providing a taxonomic account on the *Bauhinias* from Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam mentioned that *Bauhinia khasiana* Baker ssp. *khasiana* is distributed in N. E. India, Laos, Vietnam and Hainan. At the same time, the absence of the subspecies from the intermediate regions *i.e.* between the extremities of the reported occurrence was apprehended due to insufficient collection. As regards its distribution in the Indian region Larsen *et al.* (*l.c.*) took into account the type locality *i.e.* Khasia hills in Meghalaya but overlooked the record from Tirap Frontier Division in Arunachal Pradesh (Panigrahi, 1967), a place situated very close to Burma.

On the contrary, in some subsequent Indian regional floras (Balakrishnan, 1981; Haridasan and Rao, 1985) the taxon was stated to be an endemic one being restricted only to Meghalaya but it is evident that Balakrishnan (*l.c.*); Haridasan and Rao (*l.c.*) also overlooked its record from the aforesaid localities.

In course of a recent taxonomic study on the Indian *Bauhinias* a collection of *B. khasiana* ssp. *khasiana* has also been observed from Nagaland in addition to those from Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh and thus the former view finds some support as the distribution gap is reduced to a certain extent.

Specimens examined : ARUNACHAL PRADESH : Longsek hillock, Tirap F. D., 1500 m., 18.6.1961, *Deb* 25721 (CAL); Waka, Tirap

F. D., 27.8.1958, *Panigrahi* 14938 (CAL). MEGHALAYA : Khasia, *Hook. f. & Thomson s.n.* (CAL); Khasia hills, May 1877, *Kurz* 168 (CAL); Khasia hills, *Kurz s.n.* (CAL); Suntong, 30.5.1895, *R. E. P.* 11683 (BSIS, CAL). NAGALAND : Naga hills, 1935, *Bor* 4492 (DD).

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