

NOMENCLATURAL NOTES ON THREE PLANTS FROM SOUTH INDIA

1. **Premna hamiltonii** Ellis, *nom. nov.* *P. flavescens* Buch.-Ham. ex C. B. Cl. in Hook. f. Fl. Brit. Ind. 4: 578. 1885 (non Juss., 1806); Gamble, Fl. Pres. Madras 2: 1096. 1924.

That *Premna flavescens* Buch.-Ham. ex C. B. Cl. is a different plant from that of Jussieu's (in Ann. Mus. d'hist. Nat. 7: 77. 1806) has already been indicated by Schauer (in DC. Prodr. 9: 634. 1847) when he placed Jussieu's epithet as synonymous to *P. tomentosa* Willd. even though with a question mark. Critical perusal of the protologue with a study of the microfiche of Jussieu's Herbarium [Herb. Jussieu (6206): Cat. No. 5074 (No. 351)] definitely indicates that Jussieu's plant is indeed *P. tomentosa* Willd. Buchanan Hamilton's plant, therefore, requires a new name.

2. **Phyllanthus fischeri** (Gamble) Ellis, *comb. nov.* *Embllica fischeri* Gamble in Kew Bull. 1925 et Fl. Pres. Madras 2: 1295. 1925.

Webster (in Journ. Arnold Arb. 38: 75-79. 1957 and *Ibid.* 48: 332-339. 1967) in his detailed studies has dealt with the circum-

scription of the genus, *Phyllanthus* L., recognising the advocacy of a broader circumscription for the genus, comprising many genera, including *Cicca* L., *Embllica* Gaertn., *Kirganelia* Juss., *Reidia* Wt., etc. Thus, the plant hitherto treated under *Embllica* as *E. fischeri* Gamble needs to be treated under *Phyllanthus* L.

3. **Naringi alata** (Wall. ex Wt. & Arn.) Ellis, *comb. nov.* *Limonia alata* Wall. ex Wt. & Arn. Prodr. 92. 1834; Hook. f. Fl. Brit. Ind. 1: 508. 1875; Gamble, Fl. Pres. Madras 1: 157. 1915. *Pleiospermum alatum* (Wall. ex Wt. & Arn.) Swingle in Journ. Washing. Acad. Sci. 6: 427. 1916. *Hesperuthusa alata* (Wall. ex Arn.) Alston in Trimen, Handb. Fl. Ceylon 6 (Suppl.): 38. 1931.

Since Dandy's (in Taxon 18: 467. 1969) proposal to conserve *Hesperethusa* M. J. Roemer had failed (cf. Taxon 19: 816. 1970), a new combination for *Limonia alata* Wall. ex Wt. & Arn. under the genus, *Naringi* Adanson has become necessary.

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FIVE PLANT RECORDS FOR KERALA

Dendrobium crepidatum Lindl. in Paxton, Fl. Gard. 1: 63. f. 45. 1850-51; Hook. f. Fl. Brit. India 6: 740. 1890; Sald. & Nicol. Fl. Hassan 820. 1976 (ORCHIDA-CEAE).

Earlier known distribution is Sikkim, Assam, Bihar, Orissa, Maharashtra and Karnataka.

Specimens examined: Cannanore District,

Peria, 825 m, 28-3-1980, V. S. Ramachandran 66879.

Eragrostis zeylanica Nees & Mey. in Nov. Acta Cass. Leop.-Card. Suppl. 1: 204. 1843; Eor, Grass. Burma, Ceylon, India, Pakist. 515. 1960 (POACEAE).

Earlier known only from Eastern India, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Burma and Ceylon.