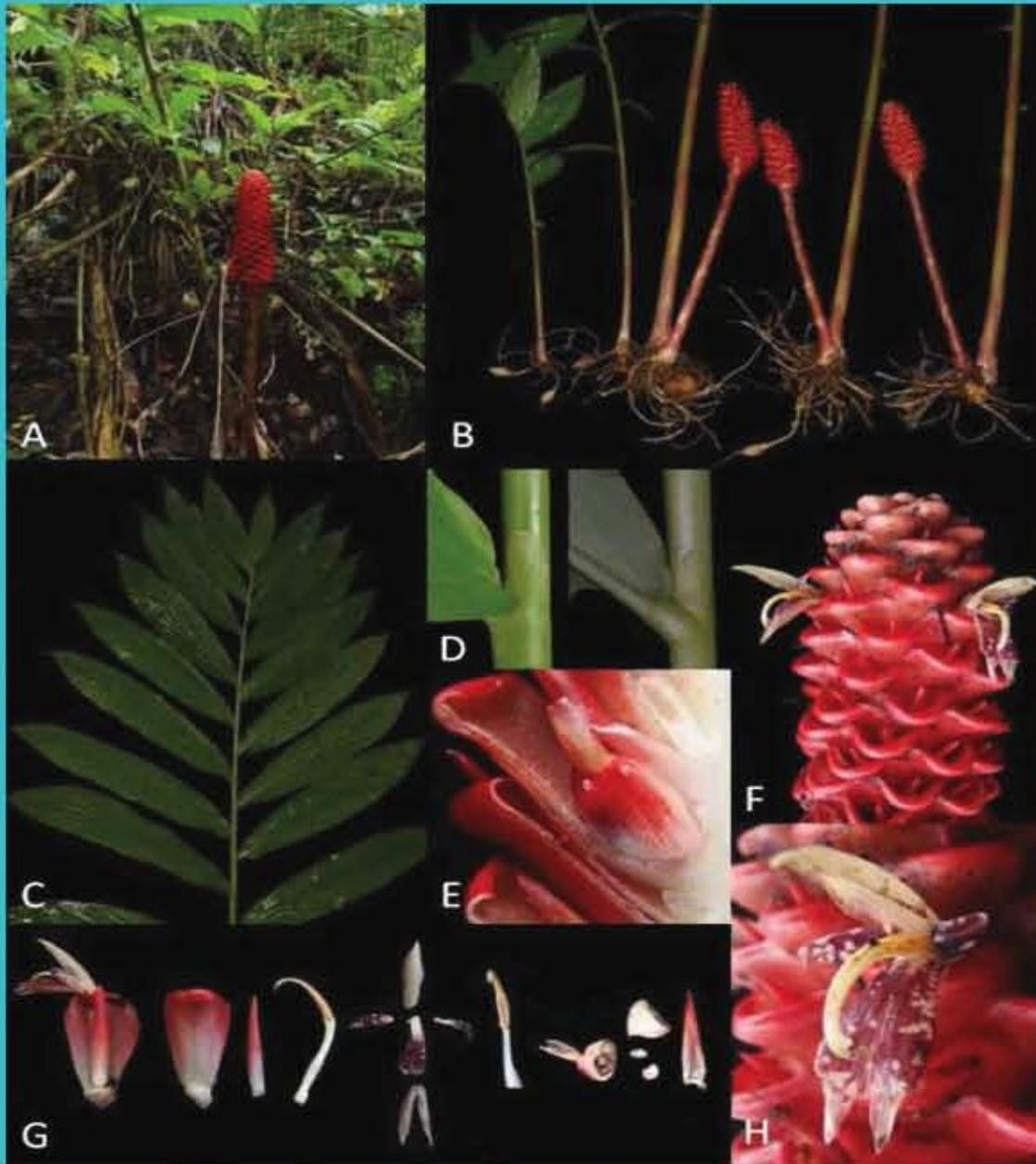




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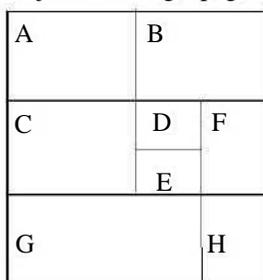
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***GYMNOPETALUM PECTINATUM* (W. J. DE WILDE & DUYFJES) RUGAYAH: RANK OF SPECIES FOR *GYMNOPETALUM SCABRUM* VAR. *PECTINATUM* (CUCURBITACEAE)**

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ABSTRACT

DE WILDE, W. J. J. O., DUYFJES, B. E. E. & RUGAYAH. 2015. *Gymnometalum pectinatum* (W. J. De Wilde & Duyfjes) Rugayah: rank of species for *Gymnometalum scabrum* var. *pectinatum* (Cucurbitaceae). Reinwardtia 14(2): 323 – 324. — With *Gymnometalum pectinatum* (W. J. de Wilde & Duyfjes) Rugayah, *stat. nov. & comb. nov.*, a coastal species, four species in *Gymnometalum* are now recognized in Malesia.

Key words: *Cucurbitaceae*, *Gymnometalum*, new species, SE Asia.

ABSTRAK

DE WILDE, W. J. J. O., DUYFJES, B. E. E. & RUGAYAH. 2015. *Gymnometalum pectinatum* (W. J. De Wilde & Duyfjes) Rugayah: tingkat jenis *Gymnometalum scabrum* var. *pectinatum* (Cucurbitaceae). Reinwardtia 14(2): 323 – 324. — Adanya perubahan status *Gymnometalum scabrum* var. *pectinatum* sebagai varietas *Gymnometalum* menjadi jenis tersendiri *Gymnometalum pectinatum* (W. J. de Wilde & Duyfjes) Rugayah, menambah jumlah jenis *Gymnometalum* yang ada di Malesia menjadi empat jenis.

Kata kunci: Asia Tenggara, *Cucurbitaceae*, *Gymnometalum*, jenis baru.

INTRODUCTION

Gymnometalum Arn. in Malesia and Thailand has recently received much attention in connection with the flora treatments of the *Cucurbitaceae* for both areas (de Wilde & Duyfjes, 2006; 2008a; 2008b; 2010). With the description of *Gymnometalum integrifolium* var. *pectinatum* (2006) only two collections were known, from a locality in E Java, near Pasuruan, at sea level, *viz. de Wilde & Duyfjes 21692* (flowers), *21693* (fruits), both in L.

Recently a third collection in BO became known, from distant Sumbawa, *Nakano & Kahono 99111*, containing male flowers and fruit, collected at Alas, 5–10 m alt., beside the road near the sea, dated June 26, 1999.

This latter specimen, matching the E Java collections in the male bract and fruit and seed details, indicated that a good species rather than a variety is concerned. This raises the number of Malesian *Gymnometalum* species from 3 to 4, and with the Sri Lanka species *G. tubiflorum* to 5 for the genus as a whole. For clarity a key to the species, alternative to that presented in *Flora Malesiana* and a species description compatible to those in *Flora Malesiana* (de Wilde & Duyfjes, 2010) is presented.

DESCRIPTION

Gymnometalum pectinatum (W. J. de Wilde & Duyfjes) Rugayah, *stat. & comb. nov.*

Gymnometalum integrifolium (Roxb.) Kurz var. *pectinatum* W. J. de Wilde & Duyfjes, *Blumea* 51, 2 (2006) 287, fig. 4. — *Gymnometalum scabrum* (Lour.) W. J. de Wilde & Duyfjes var. *pectinatum* (W. J. de Wilde & Duyfjes) W. J. de Wilde & Duyfjes, *Reinwardtia* 12 (2008a) 268; *Fl. Males.*, Ser. 1, 19 (2010) 78, f. 24: a, b.; 26: b, b'; pl. 10: c. — Type: *de Wilde & Duyfjes 21692* (L), male fl., E Java.

Climbing or creeping herbs, rooting at the nodes, to 4 m long; stem sparsely and densely grey-brown hairy; monoecious. *Probract* absent or possibly inconspicuous and caducous. *Tendrils* sparsely hairy, simple or 2-branched near the base. *Leaves: petiole* 2–4 cm long; *lamina* subcoriaceous, slightly bullate, scabrous and sparsely hairy above, more densely hairy below, sparsely black-dotted, broadly ovate, circular or 3- or 5-angular, or reniform in outline, 2–7 cm long, base deeply cordate, margin subentire or dentate-mucronate, apex broadly rounded to acute, mucronate; *cystoliths* in older leaves present above. *Male flowers* solitary or in erect bracteate racemes 4–15 cm long; *bracts* hairy, minutely black-dotted, ± obtriangular, 15–20 mm long, sessile,

upper margin regularly, finely, densely laciniate, the lobes linear, 2–4 mm long; *flowers* sparsely or densely brown pubescent, hairs \pm curly, 2–3 mm long; *pedicel* 50–80 mm long in solitary flowers, 10 (–15) mm long in the racemes, persistent, at apex articulate; *receptacle tube* ca. 25 mm long, ca. 6 mm wide, narrowed below insertion of stamens about the middle; *sepals* narrowly triangular to linear, entire, acute, 3–4 mm long; petals at anthesis not seen; stamens, synandrium and disc-segments not investigated. *Female flowers* solitary on the node or solitary at base of the male raceme; *bracts* ca. 20 \times 25 mm, finely laciniate; *sepals* linear, ca. 8 \times 1 mm; *ovary* densely hairy, ca. 15 mm long. *Fruits* orange-red, sparsely hairy, rather juicy, ellipsoid, 4–4.5 \times ca. 2.8 cm, base and apex obtuse, not ribbed; *fruiting pedicel* hairy, 1–3 cm long. *Seeds* numerous, brown or blackish, in green pulp, ellipsoid-oblong, \pm compressed, 7–8 \times 3–3.5 mm, faces slightly raised, somewhat rugose, margin broad, rounded.

Distribution. E. Java, W. Sumbawa.

Ecology. Coastal flat-land on clayey soil; low altitudes.

Notes. Fully open male flowers are still unknown. As suggested with the original description of the variety the overall characters, *i.e.* in the general habit of the plant, this species seems intermediate between *Gymnopetalum scabrum* (with globose fruit, not ribbed) and *G. chinense* (with ellipsoid fruit, ribbed). Possibly the present *Gymnopetalum pectinatum* is a coastal species as all three collections are from near the sea. The probract is possibly absent in *Gymnopetalum pectinatum*. In *Gymnopetalum scabrum* it is 1–2.5 mm long or absent, in *G. chinense* minute, caducous, or absent. In Flora Malesiana (de Wilde & Duyfjes, 2010) the probract of *G. scabrum* (*G. integrifolia*) erroneously was indicated as to 2.5 cm long. In *Gymnopetalum orientale* W. J. de Wilde & Duyfjes the probract is absent or various in size, (ob)ovate, to 1 cm long.

Key to the Malesian species of *Gymnopetalum*

- 1 a. Leaves densely coarsely hairy below 2
- b. Leaves sparsely scabrous-pubescent below 3
- 2 a. Male bract in raceme irregularly few lobed or incised. Fruit globose, glabrescent *G. scabrum*
- b. Male bract in the raceme with apex \pm truncate, regularly finely laciniate. Fruit ellipsoid, sparsely hairy..... *G. pectinatum*
- 3 a. Flowers in the male raceme with distinct pedicel. Fruit 2.5–5 mm long, 10-ribbed *G. chinense*
- b. Flowers in the male raceme (sub)sessile. Fruit 5–6 cm long, unribbed *G. orientale*

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