

A NEW AMOORA (MELIACEAE) FROM INDIA

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***Amoora beddomei* Kosterm., sp. nov.**

Arbor in omnibus partibus glabris, ramulis crassis, foliis magnis pinnatis, foliolis oppositis subcoriaceis, basalibus ellipticis, basi subobliquis, utrinque laevibus, supra nervo mediano vix prominulis, subtus prominentibus nerviis lateralibus tenuibus prominulis, petiolulis distinctis, paniculis masculinis multifloris magnis latis, floribus masculinis conspicue pedicellatis, sepalis 5, duabus exterioribus coriaceis, 3 interioribus tenuibus, tubo staminibus subglobosis coriaceis, antheris 6 magnis, rudimento ovariorum parvis.

Typus: Beddome s.n., Anamalays, fl. (L).

Tree, glabrous in all its parts. Twigs stout. Leaves long, pinnate, the lower leaflets sub-coriaceous, elliptic, $6\frac{1}{2} \times 9$ cm, base slightly oblique; both sides smooth, above midrib hardly prominulous, below prominent, the 7-10 pairs of erect-patent lateral nerves thin, prominulous; petiolules c. 1 cm long.

Male panicles multi-flowered, up to 25 cm long with remote, racemiform branches, up to 15 cm long. Pedicels rather slender, c. 5 mm long. Sepals 5, the outer 2 stiffly coriaceous, broader than high, the 3 inner ones thin, larger with a fimbriate margin. Petals 3, coriaceous, concave. Staminal tube coriaceous, thick, sub-globose; anthers 6, large. Rudiment of ovary small, glabrous.

Distribution: Anamalays, S. India.

Notes: The species is depicted in Beddome's *Flora sylvatica*. Hiern (in Hooker f., *Fl. Brit. Ind.* 1: 559, 1875) mentioned it as an aberrant form under *A. rohituka*.

It differs from the latter in the conspicuously pedicelled flowers and the much thinner inner 3 sepals; in *A. rohituka* all sepals are thickly coriaceous. The type material is very fragmentary; Beddome's plate provides more information.

S. India: Anamalays, male fl., Beddome s.n. (L).