

A NEW PROTIUM FROM SURINAME

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Protium Pullei Swart n.sp. Arbor circ. 12 m alta. Ramuli robusti 4 mm diam. teretes glabri fusci lenticellis oblongis ferrugineis muniti. Folia trifoliolata 17 (16—21) cm longa glabra, petiolis robustis semiteretibus 4.5 cm longis basi incrassatis demum transverse rimosis, petiolulis semiteretibus robustis utrinque subincrassatis 1 cm longis sed terminalibus 2.25 cm longis, foliolis oblongo-ellipticis 11 (7.5—13) cm longis 5 (3.75—5.5) cm latis, apice abruptius acuminatis, acumine sublineari 8 (5—10) mm longo 2.5 (2—3) mm lato, basi cuneata, margine integro, coriaceis utrinque nitidis laevibus supra glaucescentis infra viridis, nervis secundariis utrinque 11, nervis prim. et sec. utrinque prominentibus. Inflorescentiae axillares breves paucae ramosae pauciflorae circ. 1 cm longae. Ramuli teretes striati cum pedicellis teretibus flore aequilongis bracteis bracteolisque triangularibus obtusis densiuscule puberulis. Flores 5-meri glabri. Calyx cupuliformis lobis oblongo-triangularibus acutis tubo aequilongis. Petala valvata oblongo-triangularia acuto apiculo inflexo carnea. Stamina 10. Discus 10-lobis glaber. Pistillum glabrum, ovario late ovoideo stigmatate 5-lobo coronato.

Type: Maguire 24784 in herb. NY, 17 Sept. 1944, Suriname, Tafelberg, mixed transition high-low bush, 5 km S.W. of Savanna I.

Protium Pullei Swart resembles *P. attenuatum* (Rose) Urb. from the lesser Antilles and *P. Icicariba* (DC.) March. from S. E. BRAZIL. It differs from both by its ever trifoliate leaves and by the acumen of the leaflets being three times as long as wide; above this from the former species by its clustered and few-flowered inflorescences and from the latter species by its semiterete, robust transversely rimose petioles, by its larger leaflets and by its glabrous calyx and corolla.

Protium Pullei Swart is named in honour of Prof. Dr. A. A. PULLE, Utrecht, who devoted his scientific career in promoting the research of the flora of Suriname and just now has retired from official duty.