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A NEW AMYEMA FROM AUSTRALIA

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Among a number of half-determined *Loranthaceae* of the Herbarium of the Botanical Conservatory and Botanic Garden of Geneva, I found the under mentioned *Amyema*, labelled by Van Tieghem as « *Amyema apiculata* v. T. ». As Van Tieghem's name is an unpublished one and as I did not succeed in identifying the plant with any other *Amyema* described, I am publishing it here as a new species.

Amyema apiculata Van Tieghem et Danser n. sp. — Gracilior, omnis glabra. Ramuli teretes, internodiis novissimis nodis valde applanatis ad duplo dilatatis, adultioribus nodis utrinque tumidis, foliiferis plerumque 2-3 cm. longis 1-3 mm. crassis, diu levibus. Folia opposita vel subopposita ; petiolus plerumque 4-7 mm. longus, 0.5-0.75 mm. crassus. basi subincrassata, laminam versus supra sensim applanatus ; lamina lanceolata, plerumque 2-3.5 cm. longa, 5-12 mm. lata, apice rotundata, basi sensim attenuata, crassiuscula, faciebus paulum diversis, opacis, nervis longitudinalibus 1 vel 3, lateralibus ultra folii medium visibilibus, Inflorescentiae singulae vel binae in axillis foliorum adultorum, umbellae pedunculatae biradiatae triadum, quarum flores medii sessiles, laterales pedicellati, radiis et pedicellis divergentibus, non divaricatis ; pedunculus 9-15 mm. longus, circiter 0.75 mm. crassus, basi subincrassatus, apice paulum dilatatus ; radii 6-7 mm. longi, basi circiter 0.5 mm. crassi, apicem versus ad 0.75 mm. dilatati ; pedicelli florum lateralium circiter 1.5 mm. longi, facie interiore applanati, circiter 0.5 mm. crassi ; bractee ovatae obtusae, circiter 1.25 mm. longae, concavae, supra basin saepe leviter gibberae. Calycis tubus subcylindricus, paulum infundibuliformis, circiter 1.75 mm. longus 1 mm. latus, limbus erectus subinfundibuliformis, circiter 0.5 mm. longus, integer vel levis-

Candollea VII. Juin 1937.

sime dentatus ; corolla statu alabastri adulti 8 mm. longa, supra basin 1 mm. latam ad 0.75 mm. angustata, deinde prismatica usque ad clavam terminalem subglobosam circiter 1.5 mm. latam, denique divisa in petala 5 dimidia parte inferiore erecta ceterum recurva, 0.25 mm. lata usque ad partem terminalem ellipticam 1.5 mm. longam 0.5 mm. latam acutam ; filamentum pars libera fere 2 mm. longa ; anthera oblonga, obtusa, circiter 1.25 mm. longa ; discus paulum prominens, distincte 5-angulus, scrobiculo rotundo ; stylus 8 mm. longus, 5-costatus, parte superiore 1.5 mm. longa sublevi excepta ; stigma capitatum, circiter 0.4 mm. crassum, paulum irregulare, obtusissimum. Cetera ignota.

Closely allied to the polymorphous *Amyema miraculosa* (Miquel) Van Tieghem, but easily to be distinguished by the smaller flowers. By the latter it approaches only *Amyema Gaudichaudi* (DC.) Van Tieghem, with styles 10-15 mm. long, from which, however, it differs in nearly all parts. I have no idea why Van Tieghem called the plant *apiculata*.

Australia, Swan River, James Drummond n. 511, without date, but received in Geneva in 1843.

Postscript. During the printing of the above description I discovered another locality of this species in the Paris Museum of Natural History :

Australia, Walkaway, 8-XI-1903, Dr. A. Morrison s. n., « ex herb. Hort. Reg. Bot. Edin. »

Walkaway is situated on the west coast of Australia at 29° S. L., whereas the Swan River District, where James Drummond collected, is situated on the same coast at nearly 32° S. L.
