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Abstract

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The key for the identification of the species of *Machaerium* sect. *Reticulata* (Benth.) Taub., published in *Candollea* 63: 173-174, is amended with the correct data.

Résumé

MELÉNDEZ GONZÁLEZ, P. & M. B. CRESPO (2009). *Machaerium meridanum* Meléndez (Fabaceae, Papilionoideae, Dalbergieae), une nouvelle espèce du Vénézuéla: clé d'identification des espèces corrigée. *Candollea* 64: 89-90. En anglais, résumés anglais et français.

La clé d'identification des espèces de *Machaerium* sect. *Reticulata* (Benth.) Taub., publiée dans *Candollea* 63: 173-174, est présentée avec les données correctes.

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Key for identification of the Venezuelan species of *Machaerium* sect. *Reticulata* (Benth.) Taub. (sensu Rudd, 1987), and other related taxa

1. Leaflets with craspedodrome venation (secondary veins reach margins) 2
- 1a. Leaflets with camptodrome (secondary veins do not reach margins) or more commonly brochidodrome venation (secondary veins anastomose below margins) 7
2. Secondary veins irregularly straight, not arcuate, ca. 3 mm apart. Leaflet apex rounded-subacute; petiolule 0.5-1 mm long *M. capote* Dugand
- 2a. Secondary veins arcuate or subarcuate, not straight, ca. 3 mm apart. Leaflet apex rounded to acute or acuminate; petiolule 2 mm or longer 3
3. Fruit a semi-lunate drupe. Biggest leaflets ca. 9 × 4 cm 4
- 3a. Fruit a winged samara. Biggest leaflets ca. 16 × 8 cm 5
4. Leaflets 5-9, ovate-elliptic; fruit ca. 9 cm long *M. dubium* (Kunth) Rudd
- 4a. Leaflets 11-13, oblong-lanceolate; fruit 3-4 cm long *M. leiophyllum* (DC.) Benth.
5. Branchlets with minute bristles or setae. Stipules spiny, conspicuous. Flowers up to 15 mm, with pedicel 3-4 mm long *M. kegelii* Meisn.
- 5a. Branchlets unarmed. Stipules not spiny, or inconspicuous. Flowers 6-8 mm, sessile or pedicellate 6
6. Unarmed trees. Leaflets acute or subacute at the apex. The seed chamber verrucose. Flowers pedicellate 1-2 mm long *M. grandifolium* Pittier
- 6a. Climbers or sometimes tall shrubs or trees, with spiny stipules. Leaflets acuminate at the apex. The seed chamber smooth. Flower sessile *M. madeirense* Pittier
7. Fruit a semi-lunate drupe. Leaflets 5-9; secondary veins forming a 30°-35° angle with the midrib. Flowers sessile *M. inundatum* (Benth.) Ducke
- 7a. Fruit a winged samara. Leaflets 3-17 with secondary veins forming an angle of 45° with the midrib (if they form an angle of 35°, then leaflets 13-17). Flowers sessile or pedicellate 8
8. Bracteoles suborbiculate, ca. 3 mm wide. Flowers pedicellate, pedicels 0.5-1 mm. Leaflets 11-foliolate *M. meridanum* Meléndez
- 8a. Bracteoles orbiculate, ovate or lanceolate, 1-2 mm wide. Flowers sessile. Leaves 3-17-foliolate 9
9. Seed chamber strongly geniculate 10
- 9a. Seed chamber only slightly or not geniculate 15
10. Leaves 3-7-foliolate, straight at the apex 11
- 10a. Leaves 7-17, sometimes curved or sigmoidal at the apex 13
11. Wing of fruit 1.8-2 cm wide, markedly veined. Leaves 5-7-foliolate *M. acuminatum* Kunth
- 11a. Wing of fruit ca. 3 cm wide, weakly veined. Leaves 3- or 5-foliolate 12
12. Leaves 3-foliolate, asymmetric at the base and with a rostrate-curved acumen, the terminal one ovate-elliptic, not subromboid *M. latialatum* Pittier
- 12a. Leaves 5-foliolate, symmetric at the base and with a very short, not rostrate acumen; the terminal one elliptic-lanceolate, sometimes subromboid *M. truxillense* Pittier
13. Petals white. Androecium diadelphous. Leaves 13-17-foliolate, straight at the apex. Fruit glabrous or without reddish pubescence *M. amazonense* Hoehne
- 13a. Petals bluish. Androecium monadelphous. Leaves 7-13-foliolate, slightly curved or sigmoidal at the apex. Fruit with reddish pubescence 14
14. Leaves 11-13-foliolate; leaflets with a dense ferruginous velutinum on the lower surface. Wing of fruit 2-2.5 cm wide *M. tovarense* Pittier
- 14a. Leaves 7-13-foliolate; leaflets sparsely puberulous (not ferruginous) on the lower surface. Wing of fruit ca. 1.5 cm wide *M. seemannii* Seem.
15. Leaves 11-17-foliolate, pubescent beneath; apex usually acute *M. acutifolium* Vogel
- 15a. Leaflets 3-7-foliolate, both surfaces glabrous sides; apex usually acuminate 16
16. Terminal leaflet elliptic-lanceolate, subcuneate at the base; leaves 5-7-foliolate, the upper surface dull *M. guaremalense* Pittier
- 16a. Terminal leaflet ovate-elliptic, rounded to subcordate at the base; leaves 3-5-foliolate, the upper surface usually glossy 17
17. Secondary veins of leaflets 5-10 mm far from each other; leaflet base subcordate. Seed chamber of fruit slightly geniculate *M. striatum* I. M. Johnst.
- 17a. Secondary veins of leaflets up to 4 mm far from each other; leaflet base rounded. Seed chamber of fruit straight 18
18. Wing of fruit straight, abruptly acute at the apex. Flowers pedicellate, pedicels 0.5-1 mm *M. orthocarpum* Pittier
- 18a. Wing of fruit curved, rounded or gradually acute at the apex. Flowers sessile *M. arboreum* (Jacq.) Vogel (incl. *M. cultratum* Pittier)