

AN AMENDED NOMENCLATURE OF SOME IMPORTANT ECONOMIC PLANTS GROWN IN CEYLON

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IN recent years the critical examination of plants has resulted in many alterations to botanical names. Unless the latest accepted nomenclature is known the perusal of present day scientific literature is liable to be confusing.

The list has been prepared for the guidance of those interested. Familiar synonyms, popular names and, wherever possible, local vernacular names have been indicated.

To avoid confusion, it is desirable when labelling plants or when any reference is made to plants by their latest accepted names to indicate, within brackets, the familiar synonyms, etc.

1. *Aberia Gardneri* Clos.
(*Dovyalis hebecarpa* Warb.)
Ketambilla (S). Ceylon Gooseberry.
2. *Achras zapota* Linn.
(*Achras sapota* Linn.)
Sapodilla.
3. *Aleurites moluccana* (Linn.) Willd.
(*A. triloba* Forst.)
Rata-kekuna, Tel-kekuna (S). Candle nut.
4. *Ananas comosus* (Linn.) Merr.
(*A. sativus* Schult. f.)
Annasi (S). Pine-apple.
5. *Annona* Linn.
(*Anona* Linn.)

This alteration applies to all species, including the following :—

- A. cherimolia* Mill. Cherimoyer.
A. glabra Linn. Alligator pear.
A. muricata Linn. *Katu-anoda* (S). *Sitha* (T). Soursop.
A. reticulata Linn. *Anoda* (S). *Ramsitha* (T). Bullock's heart, custard apple.
A. squamosa Linn. Sugar apple.
6. *Artocarpus communis* Forst.
 (*A. incisus* Linn. f. *A. incisa* Linn. f.)
Del (S). Breadfruit.
7. *Artocarpus integer* (Thumb.) Merr.
 (*A. integrifolius* Linn. f. *A. integrifolia* Linn. f.
A. integra Merr.)
Kos (S). Jak.
8. *Bambusa multiplex* Raeusch.
 (*B. nana* Roxb.)
 Dwarf or Chinese bamboo.
9. *Benincasa hispida* Cogn.
 (*B. cerifera* Savi.)
Alupuhul (S). *Puchini* (T). Ash pumpkin.
10. *Bombax malabaricum* DC.
 (*Gossampinus malabarica* DC.)
Katu imbul (S). Silk or red cotton tree.
11. *Cajanus cajan* (Linn.) Millsp.
 (*C. inodorus* Medic. *C. indicus* Spreng.)
Rata-thora (S). *Thavarai* (T). Dhal. Pigeon pea.
12. *Camellia sinensis* (Linn.) Kuntze.
 (*Thea sinensis* Linn.)
 Tea.
13. *Canangium odoratum* King.
 (*Cananga odorata* Hk. f. and Th.)
Wana-sapu (S). Ylang Ylang.
14. *Canna edulis* Ker-Gawl.
But-sarana (S). Edible canna.

15. *Ceiba pentandra* Gaertn.
(*Eriodendron anfractuosum* DC.).
Imbul, Pulun-Imbul (S). Kapok. Silk cotton.
16. *Citrus paradisi* Mac. f.
(*C. maxima* var. *uvacarpa* Merr. and Lee.)
Grape fruit.
17. *Coleus parviflorus* Benth.
(*C. tuberosus* Benth.)
Innala (S). Country potato.
18. *Delonix regia* Rafin.
(*Poinciana regia* Boj. ex Hook.)
Flamboyante.
19. *Dolichos biflorus* Linn.
(*D. uniflorus* Lam.)
Kollu (S). Horse gram.
20. *Dolichos hosei* Craib.
(*Vigna oligosperma* Baker.)
21. *Duranta repens* Linn.
(*D. plumieri* Jacq.).
22. *Eugenia aromatica* (Linn.) Baill.
(*E. caryophyllata* Thumb.)
Karabu (S). Karambu (T). Cloves.
23. *Eugenia brasiliensis* Lam.
(*E. Michellii* Lam. *E. uniflora* Linn.)
Brazil cherry.
24. *Eugenia cumini* (Linn.) Merr.
(*E. jambolana* Lam.)
Maha dan, Madan (S). Naval, Peru naval (T).
25. *Feronia limonia* (Linn.) Swingle.
(*F. elephantum* Correa, *Limonia acidissima* Linn.)
Diwul (S). Vila, Vilatti, Magaladikkuruntu (T).
Elephant apple. Wood apple.
26. *Flacourtia indica* (Burm. f.) Merr.
(*F. ramontchi* L'Hérit.)
Uguressa (S). Katukali, Karumurukki (T).

27. *Gliricidia sepium* (Jacq.) Steud.
(*G. maculata*, H.B.K.).

Note.—The colours of the flowers vary; sometimes they are striped or blotched, in which case they are referred to the form *maculata* Urb.

28. *Glycine max* (Linn.) Merr.
(*G. soya* Sieb. and Zucc., *Soya hispida* Maxim.)
Soybean. Soya.
29. *Litchi chinensis* Sonner.
(*Nephelium litchi* Camb.)
Litchi.
30. *Luffa cylindrica* (Lour.) Roem.
(*L. aegyptiaca* Mill.)
Niyan-weta-kolu (S). *Pikku*, *Pichukku* (T). Loofah.
31. *Madhuca longifolia* (Linn.) McBride.
(*Bassia longifolia* Linn.)
Mee (S). *Iluppai* (T).
32. *Moringa oleifera* Lam.
(*M. pterygosperma* Gaertn.)
Murunga (S). Drumstick tree. Horse radish tree.
33. *Nelumbium nuciferum* Gaertn.
(*N. speciosum* Willd.)
Nellun (S). *Tamarai* (T). Sacred bean. Lotus.
34. *Nymphaea nouchali*, Burm. f.
(*N. Lotus* Linn.)
Olu, *Et-olu* (S). Water lily. Egyptian lotus.
35. *Ocimum canum* Sims.
(*O. americanum* Linn. *O. album* Roxb.)
Hin-tala (S). *Kanchan-Korai* (T).
36. *Paspalum urvillei* Steud.
(*P. larranagai* Arechav.).
37. *Persea americana* Mill.
(*P. gratissima* Gaertn.)
Etpera (S). *Anakoya* (T). Avocado. Alligator pear.

38. *Phaseolus aureus* Roxb.
 (*P. radiatus* Linn. *P. max.* Linn.) plant erect.
Mun, Muneta (S). *Chruppayaru* (T). Green gram.
 Mung bean.
39. *Phaseolus mungo* Linn.
 (*Phaseolus max.* Linn.) plant procumbent or twining.
Ulundu (S). *Ulunthu* (T). Black gram.
40. *Pithecellobium saman* Benth.
 (*Pithecolobium saman* Benth. *Enterolobium saman* Prain.)
Penikaral, Peni-mora (S). *Inga* (T). Rain tree.
41. *Sesamum orientale* Linn.
 (*S. indicum* Linn.)
Tel-tala (S). *Ella* (T). Gingelly.
42. *Spondias prunata* (Linn. f.) Kurz.
 (*S. magnifera* Willd.)
Embarella (S). *Ampallai* (T). Hog plum.
43. *Trachyspermum ammi* (Linn.) Sprague.
 (*Carum copticum*, C. B. Clarke)
Ajawan Asambadam (T).
44. *Trachyspermum roxburghianum* D.C. Sprague.
 (*Carum roxburghianum*, C. B. Clarke)
45. *Vetiveria zizanoides* Nash.
 (*Andropogon muricatus* Retz. *A. squarrosus* Linn. f.)
Sewandara (S). *Vetiver* (T). Khas-Khas.
46. *Vigna unguiculata* (Linn.) Walp.
 (*V. sinensis* Engl.)
Me-karal (S). Cowpea.