

A NEW SPECIES OF *PLANCHONELLA* (SAPOTACEAE) FROM THE ANDAMAN ISLANDS

Planchonella clarksiana Rakesh et Thoth. *sp. nov.*

P. obovatae (R. Br.) Pierre affinis, sed differt venationibus nervarum secundaricum fructibusque globosis majoribus perrugosis.

P. clarksiana Rakesh et Thoth. is allied to *P. obovata* (R. Br.) Pierre, but differs in the venation of secondary nerves and globular, much wrinkled, larger fruits.

Large tree. *Leaves* ovate-oblong, narrow to cuneate at base, acute to acuminate at apex, entire at margin, 8-10 × 3-4 cm with ca 6 mm long acumen, glabrous on both sides; midrib and nerves prominent below, appressed above, gradually faint towards apex; secondary nerves 5-6, ascending from the midrib at an angle of 40-45° and zigzaggedly extending up to margin curving and joining the next upper one. *Petioles* 1-1.5 cm glabrous. *Flowers* not seen. *Fruiting calyx* persistent, sepals 5, ovate, ca 8 × 7 mm, brown, densely clothed with rough projections. *Fruits* globose, unlobed, much wrinkled, 2-3 × 2.5-3 cm, glabrous, yellowish in colour; fruiting pedicels 1.3-2 cm long.

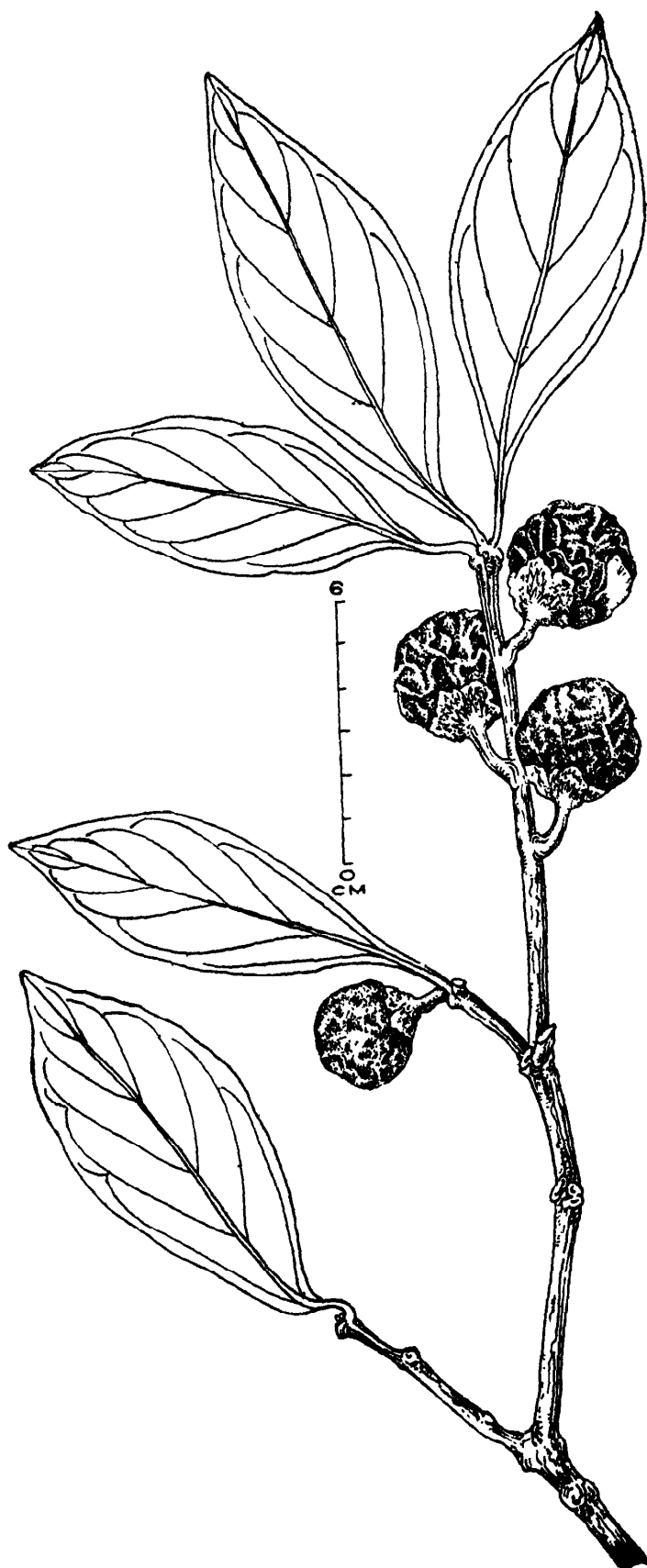
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