

**NOTE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF  
*PTEROSPERMUM PECTENIFORME* KOSTERM.  
(DOMBEYOIDEAE : MALVACEAE S.L.) IN  
PENINSULAR MALAYSIA**

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**Abstract :** The rare species *Pterospermum pecteniforme* previously is only known from two herbarium collections in the late 1960 and early 1970 in Perlis and Kedah (Langkawi Islands; Pulau Timun), respectively. In this paper, we have added two additional localities from two islands of Langkawi Archipelago namely, Pulau Dayang Bunting and Pulau Singa Besar. This species is locally quite common on both islands. All fertile collections of this species are only from the fruits while the flower is still unknown.

**Key words:** *Pterospermum pecteniforme*, Dombeyoideae, Malvaceae s. l.) rare, distribution

## INTRODUCTION

*Pterospermum* was described by Johann Christian Daniel von Schreber, a German professor and naturalist in *Genera Plantarum* in 1791. The ethymology of *Pterospermum* is seeded wing (*ptero*; Greek, = wing; *spermum*; Greek, = seed). This genus comprises of ca. 20-30 species (Wilkie & Berhaman, 2011; Wilkie, 2013) with its distribution from India to South China through Southeast Asia to Maluku (Kochummen, 1973; Wilkie, 2013). In Peninsular Malaysia, six species are recorded