



Taxonomic and nomenclatural notes on *Gutteria australis* (Annonaceae)

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Abstract

Gutteria is the largest genus of Annonaceae, comprising ca. 300 species. The genus presents taxonomic problems, and the number of species has been overestimated. Taxonomic revision, description, comments and illustration of *G. australis* are presented here. As a result, 41 names have been placed in synonymy under *G. australis*, and three lectotypes are newly designated.

Resumo

Gutteria é o maior gênero da família Annonaceae compreendendo ca. 300 espécies. O gênero apresenta problemas taxonômicos e o número de espécies tem sido superestimado. Revisão taxonômica, descrição, comentários e ilustração de *G. australis* é apresentada aqui. Como resultado 41 nomes foram sinonimizados com *G. australis* e três lectótipos designados.

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Introduction

Gutteria Ruiz & Pavón (1794: 85) is the largest genus of the family Annonaceae, comprising 307 species (Erkens *et al.* 2008). It is distributed from southeastern Mexico south to Bolivia and southern Brazil (Barringer 1984). The genus is characterized by the impressed primary vein on the upper side of the leaves, a pedicel with a distinct suprabasal articulation, more or less equal whorls of imbricate petals, and numerous single-seeded stalked monocarps (Erkens *et al.* 2006, 2007a).

Fries (1939) authored the last taxonomic revision of the genus, in which 151 species were recognized from Brazil (106 of which he newly described) and the species classified into 30 sections. Fries (1949, 1953, 1959) changed *Gutteria* infrageneric classification and created two subgenera, *Gutteria* subg. *Anomalantha* (monotypic, comprising only *G. anomala* R.E.Fr.) and *Gutteria* subg. *Gutteria*, with 22 sections, including all Brazilian species. In *Gutteria* subg. *Gutteria* there are some difficult species complexes such as the *G. trichoclonia* complex (distributed throughout the full range of the genus), the *G. schomburgkiana* complex (occurring in the Guyana Shield and Amazonian regions), and the *G. amplifolia* complex (Central America; Erkens 2007b). The close affinities among the species in these complexes are generally confirmed by phylogenetic analyses, although some species might be grouped on the basis of homoplastic characters (e.g., the hairs of the *G. trichoclonia* complex; Erkens 2007b).