Psydrax odorata subsp. arnhemica S.T.Reynolds & R.J.F.Hend.

Family: Rubiaceae


Common name: Sweet Susie; Shiny-Leaved Canthium

Stem
A small tree not exceeding 30 cm dbh. Flowers and fruits as a shrub about 3 m tall. Sapwood surface corrugated. Blaze darkens markedly on exposure.

Leaves
Stipules broad at the base and tapering to a point at the apex or abruptly narrowed into a linear, subulate point at the apex. Leaf blades about 5.5-9 x 2.3-5 cm. Domatia are foveoles with a comparatively small opening. Lateral veins, about 4 or 5, forming indistinct loops well inside the blade margin. Midrib slightly raised on the upper surface of the leaf blade.

Flowers
Hypanthium green, about 2 mm long. Calyx lobes less than 0.5 mm long. Corolla tube about 2-2.5 mm long, lobes about 2.5-3 mm long. Fide B.L. Koch (1992) Flora of the Kimberley Region.

Fruit
Infructescences not exceeding the leaves. Fruits globular, about 8-10 mm diam. Seeds reniform, contained in a hard endocarp. Embryo curved, cotyledons no wider than the radicle.

Seedlings
Features not available.

Distribution and Ecology
Occurs in WA and NT. Altitudinal range probably small, from near sea level to about 300 m, collected close to sea level. Grows in monsoon forest, beach forest or vine thickets. Also recorded from East Timor.

Synonyms

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