

CHAPTER VIII

INTERESTING PLANTS OF BOTANICAL VALUE

It has been observed that about 11 species have not been recorded from any part of Maharashtra. In addition 2 species have been collected after a lapse of 4 to 14 decades ( Karthikeyan & Anand Kumar, 1983 ). They are as follows:

1. Ampelocissus tomentosa

This has been recorded earlier from Dharwar, Belgaum and North Kanara only. This is the first record for Maharashtra.

2. Amorphophallus sylvaticus

This has been collected after 38 years of McCann's collection from Bombay. Cooke ( op. cit. ) doubted its availability in erstwhile Bombay Presidency.

3. Brachiaria remota

This is an addition to the flora of Maharashtra. So far this has been reported from Orissa and Tamil Nadu only ( Bor, 1960 ).

4. Bridelia montana

First report for Maharashtra. Cooke ( op. cit. ) had not reported this.

5. Chrysanthellum indicum

So far this species has been recorded for Western India from Gujarat only. For the first time this is being recorded from Maharashtra.

6. Eragrostis coarctata

Reported from Maharashtra for the first time.

7. Fimbristylis sieberiana

This has been collected for the first time from Maharashtra. Cooke ( op. cit. ) had not reported this species.

8. Flemingia nana

This rare species has been reported so far only from North Kanara ( Cooke, op. cit. ). This has been collected for the first time from Maharashtra.

9. Orthosiphon rubicundus

First report for Maharashtra. So far this has been reported from south of Maharashtra only ( Mukherjee, 1940 ).

10. Schoenoplectus litoralis

This is being reported for the first time from Maharashtra.

11. Scleria parvula

This is the first record for Maharashtra. This is often confused with S. tessellata Willd.

12. Themeda laxa

It is an addition to the flora of Maharashtra. Previously this has been reported only from Madhya Pradesh ( Bor, 1960 ).

13. Theriophonum minutum

This has been collected after 14 decades of Graham's collection. It is surprising to note that though Graham ( Cat. Bombay Pl. 228. 1839 ) has reported this, Cooke ( op. cit. ) had not included in his Flora.

-:o:-

