

Description of an unrecorded *Ardisia* of New Guinea.

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ARDISIA PORANTHEREA, F. v. M. & C. MOORE.

Glabrous; leaves large, chartaceous, lanceolar, somewhat acuminate, narrowed into a short petiole, shining on both sides, hardly paler beneath, entire at the margin, copiously pervaded by transparent short lineoles and dots; umbels crowded into short terminal panicles; pedicels about as long as the umbel stalks or longer; flowers pentamerous; segments of the calyx elliptical, membranous at the margin; corolla pale-bluish or almost lilac-coloured, nearly twice as long as the calyx, its lobes about three times longer than the pale tube, broad-oval; filaments hardly half as long as the anthers; the latter yellow, from a somewhat bilobed base broad-linear, gradually attenuated upwards, opening introsely by two terminal confluent pores, considerably shorter than the corolla; style hardly surpassing the stamens, setaceous, as well as the ovary glabrous.

NEW GUINEA.—Cultivated in the Botanic Gardens of Sydney by Chas. Moore, Esq., F.L.S. A large elegant plant, of seemingly climbing habit; leaves dark green, to 7 inches long and to $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches broad, thinly penninerved, finely net-veined. Panicles much shorter than the leaves, the general peduncles bearing umbel-stalks already from near the base. Pedicels mostly twice as long as the flowers. Bracts conspicuous, cymbous-lanceolar, at first outside soft-hairy, soon deciduous. Segments of the calyx about $\frac{1}{8}$ inch long, densely lineolar and punctular-spotted except towards the hyaline margin. Corolla tender-membranous, its resinous lineoles and dots dark-brownish, its lobes quite blunt. Anthers about $\frac{1}{8}$ inch long. Stigma not broader than the summit of the style; fruit as yet not obtained. In its affinity this new species approaches to *A. porosa* from Malacca and the Sunda-Islands, forming with that plant and with *A. paludosa* from Madagascar the section *Monoporus*, which might perhaps be restored to generic right, unless carpologic characteristics, against expectation, should be found to interfere with this segregation. *A. porosa* differs already in less resinous-glandular leaves and in racemously arranged flowers of smaller size from the new Papuan congener.



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