

Plectocomia elmeri Becc.

Ann. Roy. Bot. Gard. (Calcutta) 12 (2): 34 (1918).
Philippines (Mindanao: Mt. Apo).

Robust Solitary Large tree climber Spines Cirrus

Look for:

- ∞ Old stem color yellowish green, when young glaucous green
- ∞ Leaflets are twisted and ascending from the yellowish bases
- ∞ Yellowish spines along the edges

Distribution/Habitat

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Mindanao, Bukidnon, Davao large size, primary forest. Altitude of 1000-1500 masl.

Description

Cane 5.1-7.6 cm diameter. Hard, smooth and rigid. 2-3 inches thick, 7-10 cm diameter.

Leaves alternating scattered every foot. Bearing at least 4 inches thick. Petiole 61 cm long and unarmed. Rachis armed. Glaucous green along the smooth underside. Widely grooved on the upper side.

Inflorescence has 300 cm long, terminal, quite smooth, 10 ft long. Branchlets pendulous or nearly, evenly provided with bracts and fruits.



Fruit globose, 25 mm diameter. Seeds 19-22 mm long and 15 mm thick. Endosperm perforated.

Uses

Handicrafts





Plectocomia elongata var. *philippinensis* Madulid

Madulid, Kalikasan 10: 52 (1981), Philippines.

Robust Solitary Cirrus

Look for:

- ∞ Spines scattered
- ∞ Sheath dull green
- ∞ Knee undeveloped

Common Name

Paang dalaga Mad. / Maruha

Distribution/Habitat

Luzon (Palawan) and Visayas (Biliran, Leyte). Plant of primary forest and hapaxanthic. Dies after flowering.

Description

Cane 6-10 cm diameter, plant 20 m tall, 10-20 cm diameter, internodes 30 cm long, sheath dull green. Spines 40 mm long, diagonal and brown. Petiolate sheaths with powdery indumentum.

Leaflets are irregular, 22-30 number, entire, glaucous. Petiolate, cirrus in groups of 2-3 in different plane. Cirrus 1.5-2 cm long and armed. Knee absent.

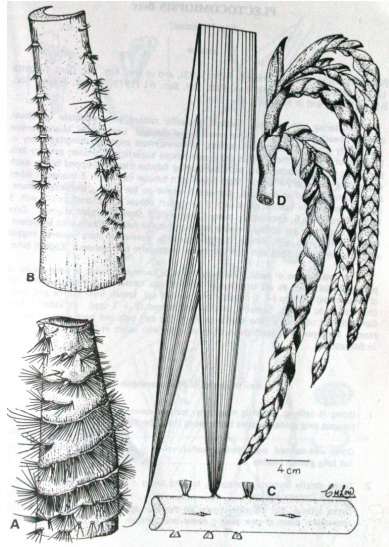


Inflorescence pendulous. Flowers unisexual. Fruit brownish red.

Seeds 15-20 mm diameter, globose or rounded and color brown.

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Plectocomia elongata Mart. Ex Bl. A. leafsheath of juvenile stem; B. leafsheath of uppermost part of flowering stem; C. abaxial surface of rachis with leaflets; D. portion of male inflorescence.

