

cobwebby bracteoles. Ray short and broad; corolla slightly longer than the involucre.

Marshy meadows, Angalampena (Interior), 2136!

SENECIO (§ ANNUI) BAKERI, sp. n.

Herba sæpius prostrata glabra, foliis carnosis oblanceolatis vel spathulatis dentatis in petiolum longum attenuatis, capitulis laxe corymbosis, involucri bracteis 15-20 acutis oblongis, margine membranaceo albido, radii floribus 8 breviter ligulatis flavis, achæniis hirsutis, pappi setis copiosis flexuosis albidis.

A rather variable herbaceous plant: when growing near the sea the leaves are very crowded, thick, and fleshy; when growing inland, membranous and distant. Leaves semiamplexicaul, from oblanceolate to spathulate, usually obscurely serrate, from 2-6 cm. long and 1-1.5 cm. broad. Capitula 2-4 together, subcorymbose, more than 20-flowered, and about 5 mm. long. Calycle of numerous small bracteoles; bracts acute, with a broad white membranous margin. Achenes with a thick white cartilaginous ring at insertion of the pappus.

Allied to *S. Boutoni*, Balf. f., of Rodriguez, and *S. rhodanthus*, Baker.

Near the sea and shady places, Fort Dauphin, 2307! 2955!

SENECIO (§ KLEINOIDEA) ANTANDROI, sp. n.

Perennis, foliis teretibus carnosis ad apices acutis callosis, capitulis 6-8 laxe corymbosis 15-20-floris, bracteolis parvis linearibus, involucri bracteis 6-8 ad apicem hirsutis obscure costatis margine albido membranaceo, floribus radii 2 (vel pluribus?) involucrum paullo superantibus, corollæ tubo basi corneo styli basin tumidum includente, achæniis glabris, pappi setis copiosis.

A glabrous shrub with cylindrical fleshy leaves about 3 cm. long and 3 mm. in diameter. Peduncle 10-11 cm. long, with pedicels 1-3 cm. long, subtended by small (4 mm.) linear bracts. Involucre-bracts about 1.2 cm. long, with a tuft of minute hairs at the tip. Rays short; the basal 2 mm. of the corolla-tube cartilaginous, enclosing a nectarial swelling at the base of the style. Achenes quite glabrous.

Arid country of Antandroi to the south of Fort Dauphin, 2977!

LACTUCA WELWITSCHII, sp. n.

Perennis, radice lignoso, foliis rosulatis obovatis obtusis supra glabris subtus albidis breviter petiolatis margine denticulato,

pedunculis elongatis subcorymbosis paucifloris, involuero basi 4-bracteolato, involucri bracteis 4 linearibus acutis glabris margine membranaceo, achæniis striatis glabris.

Root long and woody, about 7 mm. in diameter. Leaves crowded together, minutely dotted on lower surface, about 5-7 cm. long and 2-3 cm. broad, denticulate along the margin; denticles about 1 mm. high. Scape $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet, few-flowered. Bracteoles of calycle ovate-cordate (2-3 mm.); bracts of involucre 1.5 cm. long, with a broad membranous margin. Achenes 6 mm., marked by numerous scabrous ribs. Pappus abundant.

Angola, *Welwitsch* 3662! Sandy places, Fort Dauphin, *Scott Elliot* 2712!

SAPOTACEÆ.

SIDEROXYLON BAKERI, sp. n.

Fruticosum, ramulis pallidis striatis, foliis oblanceolatis in petiolum gradatim attenuatis glabris margine revoluto, calycis segmentis 5 ovatis basi subcordatis corollæ tubo segmenta æquante, staminibus 5 extrorsum dehiscentibus, staminodiis 5 ovatis hirsutis circa stylum conniventibus, stylo exserto, ovario hirsuto 5-loculari, loculis 1-ovulatis.

A shrub. Leaves about 6-7 cm. long and 2.5-3 cm. broad (younger leaves very thinly hairy). Flowers rather numerous, axillary; pedicels drooping, more than 1 cm. long. Calyx about 4 mm. long, covered externally by glistening golden-brown hairs. Corolla-tube 1 mm., segments ovate concave. Stamens extrorse; staminodes completely excluding all unnecessary insects. Ovary 5-lobed, with 1 seed in each loculus. Near *S. microlobum*, Baker (*Journ. Linn. Soc.* xxv. 333).

In woods, Fort Dauphin, 2969!

SIDEROXYLON MICROPHYLLUM, sp. n.

Arbuseulum, ramis junioribus hirsutis demum glabratis pallidis corrugatis, foliis parvis obovatis obtusis subglabris margine revoluto, floribus 1-3nis axillaribus, calycis segmentis suborbicularibus, corollæ segmentis ovatis, filamentis 5 corollam æquantibus, staminodiis petaloideis ovatis ciliatis inflexis, stylo exserto.

A much-branched shrub. Leaves 2-2.6 cm. long and 6-9 mm. broad; petiole very short; branches and petioles covered at first with glistening golden-brown caducous hairs. Pedicels about 5 mm. long. Flowers about 5 mm., of which the calyx