

1. **L. Commersonii**, *Gmel. Syst.* viii. 1035. Palm 40 feet high. Petiole 4-6 feet long, slightly tomentose, the margins smooth, spiny in young plants; blade 5-5½ feet long, dark green above, paler beneath; the segments lanceolate, acuminate, 2 feet long, ¾-3½ in. broad, their margins entire, spiny in young plants; veins and margins tinged with red. Male spadix 3-6 feet long, with 9-16 branches; spikes 7-10 in. long, ¼-⅓ in. broad, arising in clusters of 4 to 20 from the end of the branch within the mouth of the spathe. "Perianth ⅓ in. long; margin of segments fringed. Stamens 28-32. Rudimentary pistil small, pyramidal-trigonous" (*Mart.*) Female spadix 3-6 feet long, with 8 or more branches, each bearing 3 spikes. Free portion of bracts deltoid. Drupe globose, 1½-1¾ in. diam.; pyrenes obovoid, 1⅓-1½ in. long, marked with numerous ridges which pass from the base to the apex and then curve down again, a central ridge always most prominent. Seed with a light brown testa. *Mart. Hist. Palm.* iii. 223, t. 142, 154, 161, ii. figs. 1-9. *L. plagæcoma*, *Comm. MSS.* *L. rubra*, *Jacq. Fragm.* t. 8. *L. borbonica*, *Lam. Encycl.* iii. 427. *Cleophora lontaroides*, *Gartn. Fruct.* ii. 185, tab. 120, fig. 1.

MAURITIUS, in various parts of the island, but not abundant, *Horne!* SEYCHELLES, but not indigenous, *Horne!* Also Bourbon. *Latanier* or *latanier rouge*.

2. **L. Loddigesii**, *Mart. Hist. Palm.* 224, t. 161, fig. ii. 10-14. Palm 50 feet high. Petiole 3-4½ feet long, tomentose, the margins entire in the mature, spiny in the young plant; blade 3-5 feet long, very glaucous, the primary veins beneath slightly tomentose, and tinged with red, especially in young plants, the segments 2 feet long, under 3 in. broad, unequally acuminate, the edges spiny in young plants. Male spadix 5½ feet long, with 8-12 branches; spikes 8-10 in long, ⅔-⅞ in. broad, arising in clusters of 3 to 9 from the end of the branches on a level with the mouth of the spathe. Perianth ⅔ in. long; segments not fringed. Stamens 16 to 20 or more. Rudimentary pistil of 3-5 grooved filaments nearly as long as the stamens. Female spadix 3½-4 feet long, with 5-6 branches, each bearing 1 or 2 spikes. Drupe obovoid or pyriform, trigonous, 2½ in long, 1¾ in. broad; pyrenes elongate-obovoid, faintly mucronate at the apex, 1¾-2¼ in. long, ¾-⅝ in. broad, with a central ridge along the convex face with tree-like branching in the upper third, the inner surface furnished with a central crest, usually for only a part of its length. Seed with a dark brown testa. *L. glaucophylla*, *Hort.* *Cleophora dendriformis*, *Lodd. MSS.*

MAURITIUS, on Round Island, Flat Island, and Coin de Mire. Indigenous only in these islets, but introduced on the main land, *Horne!* Endemic.

3. **L. Verschaffeltii**, *Lemaire, Ill. Hort.* vi. t. 229. Palm 40 feet high. Petiole 5-8 feet long, densely tomentose, with entire orange margins, spiny in young plants; blade pale green, 4½-5 feet long, the divisions 2½ feet long, above 2 in. broad, acuminate, the entire margins and veins beneath slightly tomentose. Male spadix 4-8 feet long, with 5-10 branches exceeding the spathes in length; spikes 1¼-2 feet long, ⅔ in.