

Lectotypification of *Dioscorea listeri* Prain & Burkill (Dioscoreaceae) from India

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The name *Dioscorea listeri* Prain & Burkill (Dioscoreaceae) is lectotypified with a specimen deposited in CAL and displayed in a photograph. The species is an endemic of northeast India

Prain and Burkill (1908) described *Dioscorea listeri* based on three collections (in montibus Duphlarum, *Lister*; in montibus Nagarum, in valle fluminis Dekho, *Watt 11083*; in districtu Sibsagar, ad Tengali Bam, *Huq*) made from different parts of Assam and placed it in the section *Enantiophyllum* (Prain & Burkill 1914). In the protologue of *D. listeri*, Prain and Burkill (1908) mentioned ‘Typi in Herbario Horti Botanici Regalis ad Calcuttam conservati sunt’.

As a part of taxonomic study on the *Dioscorea* species of northern Western Ghats attempts were made to trace the type specimens of *D. listeri* at CAL. Two specimens (*Watt 11083*, *Huq*) of *D. listeri* were found and both of them are annotated by Prain. CAL does not have ‘*Lister*’ but has ‘*Lister 248*’ from the same locality, i.e., Duphla and annotated by Prain in a similar way as in *Watt 11083* and *Huq*. Considering that, the protologue simply lacks the collection number of *Lister*’s collection, we consider all these three collections as syntypes. Among them, only *Lister 248* (see Appendix) is a fertile specimen, i.e., with a frutescence, whereas, *Huq* (CAL0000001033!) and *Watt 11083* (CAL0000001034!) lack flowers and fruits.

Dioscorea listeri is endemic to northeastern region of India (Nayar 1996), known from Assam.

Dioscorea listeri Prain & Burkill

J. Proc. Asiat. Soc. Bengal 4: 452. 1908. — Lectotype (here designated): India. Duphla hills [“in montibus Duphlarum”], 1 Feb. [18]75, *Lister 248* (CAL0000001032!)

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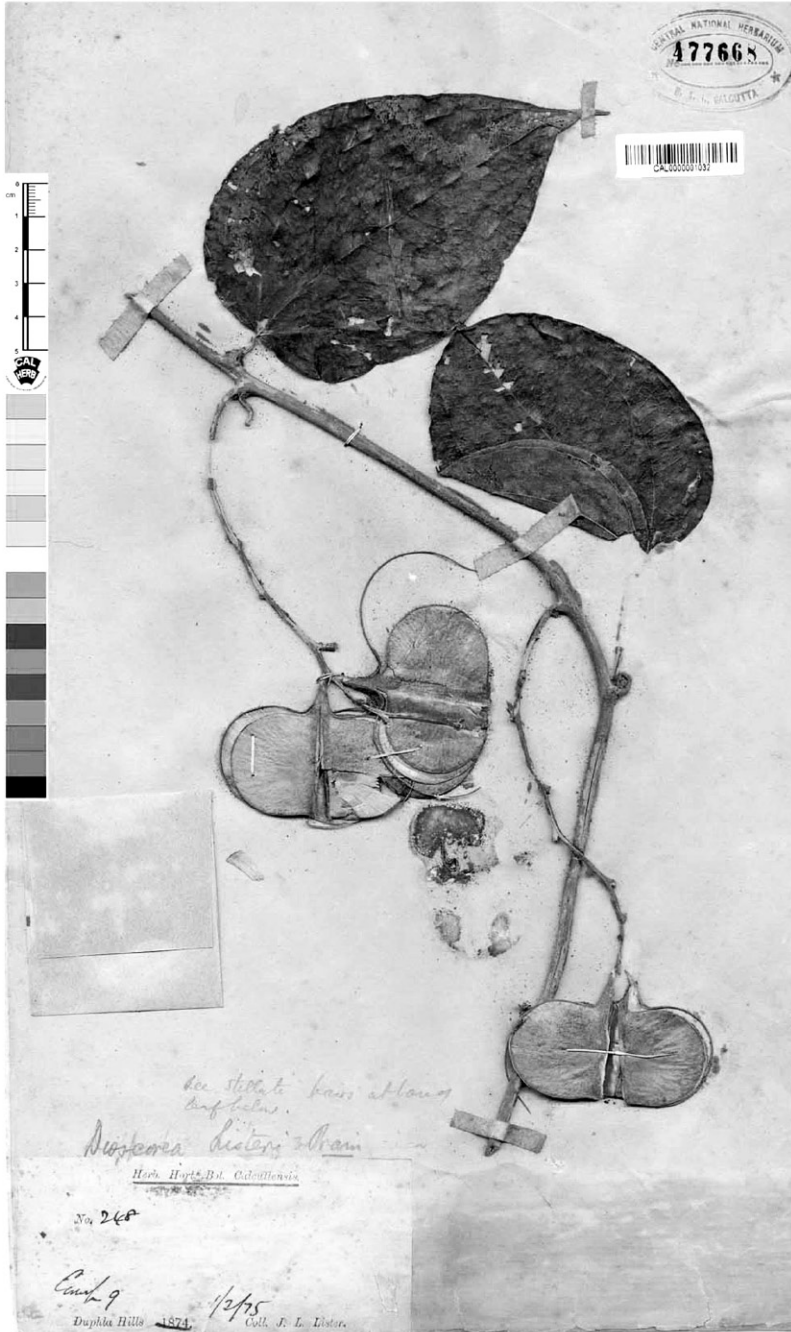
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Appendix. Lectotype of *Dioscorea listeri* Prain & Burkill (CAL000001032).