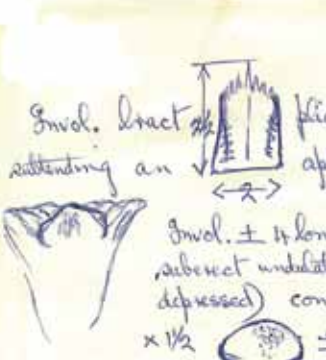


From the Leach Archive: Notes on *Euphorbia platyrrhiza*

This is an illustration of what the Larry Leach Archive is filled with. The Archive is a rich source of information about well-known species as well as a lot of species yet undescribed. What we present here are pictures and notes Leach made about a plant he described as *Euphorbia platyrrhiza* in 1976 (Bull. Jard. Bot. Belg. 46(1-2): 257-260).



Invol. bract $\pm 2 \times 3$ long or denticulate, spiculate plicate beaked, fimbriate toothed, apiculate subtending an $\sqrt{\quad}$ apparently viable bud

Invol. ± 4 long ± 5 diam. glands at this stage suberect unlobed: folded on outer margin (ends depressed) convex (partic. radially) rugulose $\pm 2 \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$ \pm straight on inner margin very fleshy towards base somewhat less so at margins outer lobes not imbricate rather fleshy in proportion to size. partitions inside invol. reduced to a slight (obtus.) thickening of the wall between fascicles towards base of invol.

Bracteoles $\pm 2 \frac{1}{2}$ long tapering filiform or narrowly oblong filiform \pm divided at apex

σ fls ± 20 but still very young (18 counted)

Ovary erect on $\frac{1}{2}$ mm long slender pedicel $\pm \frac{2}{3}$ exserted clasped by lobes Styles $\frac{2}{3}$ mm long free nearly to base spreading with thickened emarginate - very shortly bifid apices. Ovary 3-lobed subacute angles Perianth very slightly lobed at this stage Ovule \pm spherical suspended under a dentate vaguely 2-lobed obtusator.

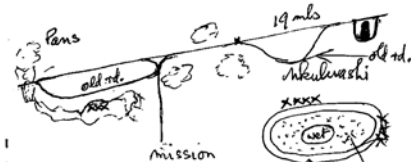
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E. platyrrhiza
(BR; K; LISC; SRGH; PRE)
leafy specimens only
Holo. = 5241 with fl. cult.
LCh at FAR

11423 *Euphorbia* sp.
off. *E. brevis* - *imitata*
G. Williams & Simon Dec. 1969

Received live plants 30/12/69
Boma on road to Baboale



Plants rare above sterile pan margin at very fringe only of dense *Cryptosporium* thicket in very wet area now becoming chopped out native garden area much disturbed

Selected pages from the (field) notes of Larry Leach on *Euphorbia platyrrhiza*; locality information in the scans removed by the editor.