

Fallegrand Place
near Jacksonville, Fla.

Prof. A. Gray:

Dear Sir - Your favor of the 4th inst.
finds me convalescent after an attack of dengue
or broken-bone fever - the most popular ailment
here - very painful but never fatal -

I am glad to have that red fl. *Isobania* settled
- it has puzzled me for years - I think Watson
first called it *Daubentonia punicea* and I have
never been able to shake it out of my mind as the
correct one - In your determination of the other
native plants you confirm mine except *Eriocaulon*
graphalodes - Here in E. Fla. that sp. appears in Feb'y.
& March & disappears in April, growing in rather moist ground.
On the grass hard sandy shore of Lake De Funiak it
appears in Sept. or Aug. & lasts till Jan'y. How can
you reconcile that? Sorry I did not send a plant
in fl. of *Cacalia*.

In the pkg. before this last I sent a *Physalis*
of which I made a set, a branch of diffusely
branched annual, which you did not name.

I now send a pkg. containing about 50 sheets of that Desmodium which you thought would prove a n. sp. It grows with D. lineatum in grassy dry pine barrens - collected Oct. 14th - D. lineatum of which you will find a few spms. mixed with it - has strictly prostrate leafy stems, while the new one is as nearly erect as so slender a plant can be - seldom rising over 2 ft. The three upper sheets contain spms. of a plant exceptional in size, reclining at base, stems 5 ft. long. The new(?) sp. seems to me intermediate between D. lineatum & D. strictum - am not sure but you will find some of the latter - At top of Desmodium you will find two odd sheets, one containing the late shrubby form of Sida rhomb. I am to collect the var. retusa, but think this is not it - though I am sure I have found var. retusa in the city - the other sheet is from W. Fla. Sept. 16 - spm. D. lineatum & of something I cannot determine - found but one in swamp, handsome blue fl. - If of no use to you you may return it provided you return the Desmodiums & you need not return them unless they prove a new sp. or var. You can in that case reserve 15 sheets.

Yours truly

A. H. Curtis



Curtiss, Allen Hiram. 1867. "Curtiss, Allen H. undated." *Allen Hiram Curtiss letters to Asa Gray*

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