

A NEW SPECIES OF LANTANA FROM VENEZUELA

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LANTANA ARISTEGUIETAE Moldenke, sp. nov.

Frutex; foliis ternatis ovatis interdum subrotundatis magnis acutis grosse serratis ad basin longe acuminatis, utrinque breviter pilosis, subtus dense resinoso-punctatis; inflorescentiis axillaribus ternatis; pedunculis gracillimis dense breviterque pubescentibus; capitulis hemisphaericis multifloris valde bracteatis.

Shrub, about 1 m. tall, stoloniferous; branches slender, striate, densely short-pubescent, less so in age; nodes annulate; principal upper internodes 2--4 cm. long; leaves ternate, large; petioles 1--3 cm. long, canaliculate above, densely short-pubescent with whitish retrorse hairs, winged toward the apex; blades thinly membranous, dark-green above, lighter beneath, ovate or sometimes almost subrotund, 13--17 cm. long, 5--12 cm. wide, mostly acute at the apex, very coarsely serrate along the margins except on the basal acumination with broad rounded teeth, long-acuminate into the petiole at the base, rather uniformly short-pilose above, more densely so and resinous-punctate beneath; inflorescence axillary, in the uppermost axils, ternate; peduncles very slender, about 6 cm. long, densely short-pubescent; heads hemispheric, many-flowered, 1.5--2.3 cm. wide, very conspicuously bracteose; bracts large, foliaceous, ovate, the outermost ones almost 1 cm. long and 4 mm. wide, acute at the apex, densely pilose on both surfaces; corolla rose-color; fruit small, shiny, hidden by the bracts (but perhaps still immature).

The type of this species was collected by Leandro Aristeguieta (in whose honor it is named) and R. Labbiente (no. 7306) in the woods near Playa Colorado, about 25 km. from Puerto La Cruz on the road to Cumaná, Anzoategui, Venezuela, in September, 1969, and is deposited in my personal herbarium at Plainfield, New Jersey. The collectors note that the plant is "Abundante en el autobosque, donde forma colonias densas". They report the corolla color, but I have not personally seen the flowers. The leaves of the type specimen have much the general aspect of those of Callicarpa americana L.

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BOOK REVIEWS

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