

Flowering and fruiting: July-October.

Ecology: Growing along the footpath, especially under bushes, between 430 - 480m altitudes on Maruthamalai hills, Coimbatore District, Tamil Nadu, India.

Distribution: Ethiopia (Sidamo region), probably recently introduced into India in the state of Tamil Nadu.

Specimen examined: India: Tamil Nadu, Coimbatore District, Maruthamalai. *Sasi, Sivalingam & Rajendran*, 006154 (BH).

Conclusion: *Hybanthus puberulus* is closely allied to *H. enneaspermus* but it differs by its dense very short indumentum, which covers all the parts including capsule. In *H. enneaspermus* the indumentum is much laxer, usually

longer and the capsule is always glabrous. The *Hybanthus puberulus* grows intermingled with *H. enneaspermus* and gives the similar appearance, probably due to this, it might have been overlooked and could not be listed by the earlier workers.

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Announcement

National Conference on 'Biodiversity Assessment, Conservation and Utilization' during 9-11 Feb 2012

Department of Biodiversity, Abasaheb Garware College, Pune is organizing a **National Conference on 'Biodiversity Assessment, Conservation and Utilization' during 9-11 Feb 2012** under the chairmanship of renowned ecologist **Prof. Madhav Gadgil**. In connection with this a theme based nature photography competition and exhibition named 'Wild Reflections' has also been organized.

The conference will be a treat for all biology lovers as it will feature invited talks by eminent speakers like **Prof. K.N.Ganeshiah, Prof. R. Umashaanker, Dr. R.J.Ranjit Daniels, Dr. Darshan Shankar** etc. and provides opportunity to share ideas, interact and establish links.

Further details about the 'themes, registration etc.', can be found on departmental website (www.mesbiodiversity.in)

Please note that the deadline for submission of abstracts is rescheduled to 30 December, 2011.

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