

Agapetes inopinnata Airy Shaw, a New Record for Thailand

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ABSTRACT. *Agapetes inopinnata* Airy Shaw is reported for the first time in Thailand.

Agapetes inopinnata Airy Shaw, Kew Bull. 1960: 299. 1960; P.F. Steven, J. Arn. Arb. 66: 475. 1985; H. Shuhua & F. Ruizheng, Fl. Yunnanica 5: 298. 1991.— *A. glandulosissimum* (C.Y. Wu ex W.P. Fang & Z.H. Pan) S.H. Hang, Acta Bot. Yunn. 5: 148, f. 1. 1983.— *Vaccinium glandulosissimum* C.Y. Wu ex W.P. Fang & Z.H. Pan, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 19: 109. 1981.

Bushy epiphyte up to 1.5 m tall, base of stem swollen bark grey, glabrous; young branches densely brownish glandular-hairy. Leaves lanceolate or oblong-lanceolate, 3–6 by 1.3–2.3 cm, acuminate at apex, rounded at base, margin entire, chartaceous to coriaceous, dark green above, pale green beneath, midrib prominent above, slightly prominent beneath, nerves 8–11 pairs, curved and jointed near margin, distinct above, glabrous on both surfaces; petiole ca. 2 mm long. *Inflorescence* a terminal or axillary raceme, 2–4 cm long, 2–6-flowered, all parts covered with glandular hairs; peduncle 7–9 mm long, greenish, apex articulate; bracts and bracteoles lanceolate or subulate 2–4 mm long, brown, apex acuminate; pedicels 6–8 mm long; receptacle 1.5 mm in diam.; calyx cup-shaped, tube 1–1.5 mm long, lobes triangular, 1–1.5 by 1 mm; corolla tube cylindric or cylindric-urceolate, 8–10 by 5 mm, glabrous inside, lobes triangular, ca. 1 mm long, green turning to red when mature; filament whitish, flattened, 5 mm long, sparsely glandular-hairy to glabrous, anther brown with spurs on the back ca. 0.5 mm long; style 8–9 mm long, glabrous. *Fruit* a berry, white, ca. 1 cm in diam., glandular-hairy when young. *Seed* brown, 1.5 mm long.

T h a i l a n d.— NORTHERN: Nan (Doi Phukha National Park), *Watthana & Suksathan* 224 (QBG) (herb. Queen Sirikit Botanic Garden).

D i s t r i b u t i o n.— Burma & Yunnan.

E c o l o g y.— In rather open lower montane forest, 1600 m.

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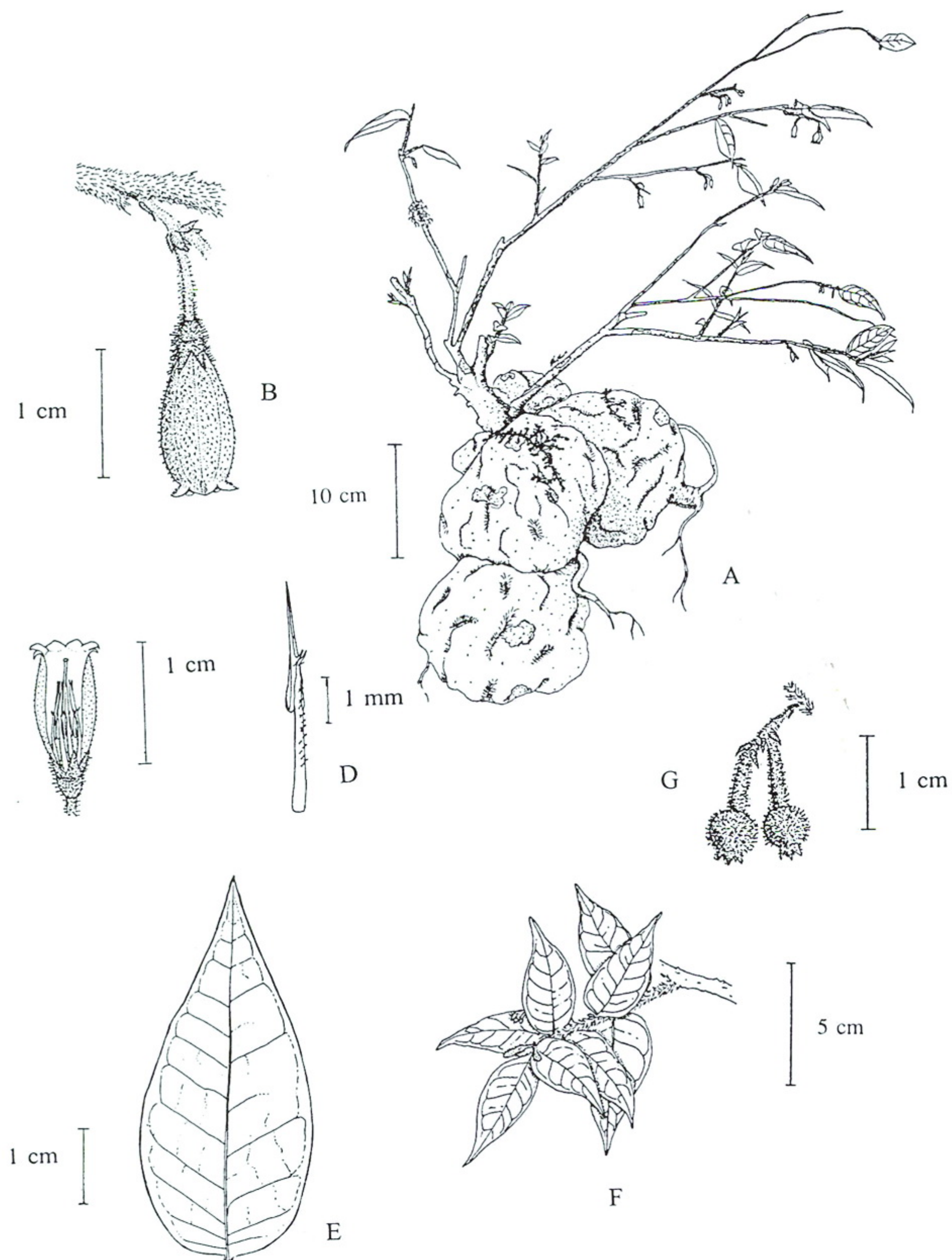


Figure 1. *Agapetes inopinnata* Airy Shaw: A. Habit, showing swollen stem base; B. Flower; C. Open flower with stamens and stigma; D. Stamen; E. Blade; F. Branch; G. Young fruits. All from *Watthana & Suksathan 224* (herb. Queen Sirikit Botanic Garden). Drawn by Piyakaset Suksathan.



Figure 2. Distribution of *Agapetes inopinnata* Airy Shaw in Myanmar, Yunnan and northern Thailand.



Figure 3. *Agapetes inopinnata* Airy Shaw (flower). From *Watthana & Suksathan 224* (herb. Queen Sirikit Botanic Garden). Photo by Piyakaset Suksathan.