

New distributional record from Kaparada taluka in Valsad district (Gujarat)

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Stephania japonica (Thunb.) Miers in Ann. (Menispermaceae) and *Syzygium rubicundum* W. and A. (Myrtaceae) are distributional recorded for the first time from Kaparada taluka (Gujarat). During survey for vegetation of Kaparada taluka, two plants, *Stephania japonica* (Thunb.) Miers in Ann. and *Syzygium rubicundum* W. and A. were collected. *Syzygium rubicundum* W. and A. were listed by Santapau and Janardhanan (1967) from Saurashtra but Santapau (1962) seems not to be sure of the identity of this species as can be judged by his remarks on p. 222. Specimens collected were deposited in the herbarium of Biology Department, B.K.M. Science College Valsad.

– ***Stephania japonica* (Thunb.) Miers in Ann:**

A slender twiner; Leaves simple, petiolate, based rounded, apex acuminate; Flowers minute, greenish-yellow, umbellate, sepals and petals 3-5; Drupes solitary, obovoid or globose, red (Fig. 1).

FLS : July – Aug.

FRS : Aug. – Oct.

***Syzygium rubicundum* W. and A. :**

A small tree, with smooth ash-coloured bark; Leaves ovate, shining above, pale beneath apex acuminate, base narrowed; Flowers pinkish white, Berries globose, black.

FLS : Dec. – Apr.

FRS : Feb. – June



Fig. 1 : *Stephania japonica*

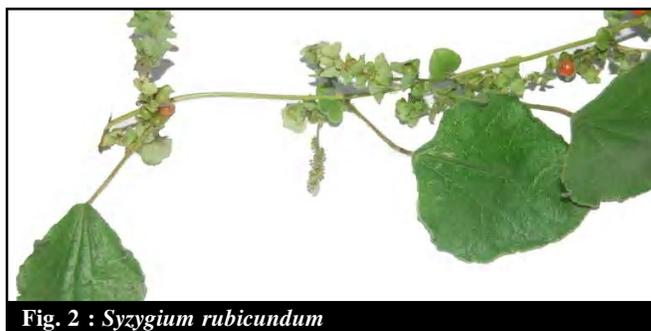


Fig. 2 : *Syzygium rubicundum*

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