STUDIES IN THE VICIEAE I: THE NEW GENUS ANATROPOSTYLIA

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ABSTRACT. The new monotypic SW Asian genus Anatropostylia is published and its affinity with the rest of the Vicieae is discussed.

INTRODUCTION

The new genus Anatropostylia is formally published below, and the reasons for its separation from Vicia are discussed.

On the basis of a detailed morphological, anatomical and serological study (to be reported later), the tribe Vicieae is here considered to comprise the genera Vicia, Lathyrus, Lens, Pisum, Vavilovia and Anatropostylia; Cicer is excluded.

Anatropostylia (Plitmann) Kupicha, stat. nov. Syn.: Vicia Sect. Anatropostylia Plitmann in Davis, Fl. Turkey 3: 598 (1970).

Annual. Stems angular, branched, ascending. Leaves with 5-9 pairs of leaflets, tendrillous; leaflets lanceolate, aristate, with conduplicate vernation (ptyxis). Stipules finely and palmately laciniate. Inflorescence ± equaling leaf; 3-7-flowered. Calyx subregular, teeth shorter than to equalling thec. Corolla bright lemon-yellow; standard stenopychioid (i.e. with blade distinctly wider than claw), with two small bosses. Staminal tube ending obliquely. Style dorsally compressed, pubescent on adaxial (inner) side below stigma. Legume subterete, the upper suture curved, the lower straight; valves papery, prominently reticulate-veined. Seeds 4, compressed-spherical, seabrid-tuberculate; hilum minute. — Monotypic.

A. koeieana (Rech. fil.) Kupicha, comb. nov. Fig. 1.

Syn.: Vicia koeieama Rech. fil. in Dansk Bot. Ark. 15, 4: 37, f. 10 (1954-55); V. singarensis Boiss. & Hausskn. var. aristata 748 in Publ. Fac. Sci. Univ. Masaryk Brno 35: 100 (1923); V. aristata (Ydb.) Schischkin in Ber. Tomsker Staats-Univ. 80: 487 (1929), non (Lapeyr.) Dulac (1867); V. blakelockiana C. C. Townsend in Kew Bull. 21: 452 (1968).

Type: [W Iran] Kharon (100 km SW of Arak), 1300 m, 31 v 1937, Köie 726 (W).

[Iraq] Karoukh Mountain, nr Dargala, 800–1500 m, Nuri & Kass 2774. Between Kujar and Kani Grawi, E of Karoukh, 1500–1700 m, Alkar, Nuri & Sarhank 27630. [Turkey] B7 Malatya: 62 km from Malatya to Elazig, 980 m, Hub.-Mor. 9211. B8 Muş: Muş to Chaskei, 1300 m, 31 vii 1916, Saposhnikov & Schischkin. C9 Hakkari: Hasitha (Ashuti) between Amadia and Çolemerik, 1450 m, Nábělek 2933 (BAV, holotype of V. singarensis var. aristata, syntype of V. blakelockiana); Çukurca in Zap gorge, 1200 m, D. 44753.

The species belongs to the Irano-Turanian region.

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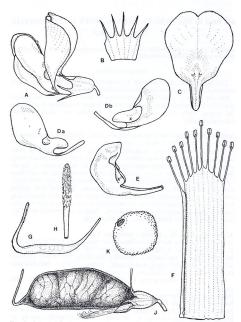


Fig. 1. Anatropostylia koeieana. A, flower. B, calyx. C, standard. D, wing: a) from outside, b) from inside. E, keel. (Process 'x' of wing is adnate to hollow 'x'' of keel.) F, androecium. G, ovary. H, defail of style, dadxial side facing. J, fruit. K, seed. Scale: A-E, J × 4; G × 5; F, K × 8; H × 10. J & K drawn from D. 44753; A-H from progeny of this collection.

DISCUSSION

The tribe Vicieae forms a coherent and undoubtedly natural group within which the genera, although each possessing many differential features, are often delimited on the basis of just two or three diagnostic characters. Since these attributes have been found particularly useful as guides for identification, they have traditionally received special taxonomic weighting within the tribe. The three most important traits of this kind are the type of leaflet-vernation (this character has, surprisingly, been overlooked by recent authors); the form of the staminal tube; and the shape of the style and its indumentum-distribution.

Lathyrus is distinguished by having supervolute vernation; the other genera (except Varilovia, whose vernation is unknown) have leaflets folden in bud. In Vicia and Lens the staminal tube ends obliquely; in Lathyrus, Pisum and Vavilovia it is truncate. Variation in stylar details is very wide and complex, providing characters of both intra- and inter-generic importance. Members of Lathyrus, Lens, Pisum and Vavilovia have a dorsally compressed style pubescent on the adaxial face; in the first two genera it is flat, in the last two folded abaxially along the median longitudinal line. The style in Vicia species may be terete or compressed dorsally or laterally, with uniformly circumstylar pubescence or with an abaxial tuft of hair, but it is never as in the other genera.

The phenetic relationships between Anatropostylia and the rest of the Vicieae are summarised in Table 1. This shows that with respect to the three 'generically important' characters (nos. 2, 8 & 9), Anatropostylia agrees completely only with Lens; the style is atypical of Vicia.

CHARACTERS OF ANATROPOSTYLIA

Vi. Le. 1. Leaves multijugate

Vi. Le. Pi. 2. Leaflet vernation conduplicate

An. 3. Leaflets aristate

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4. Both stipules at each node laciniate
Vi. La. Pi. Va.
5. Calyx teeth shorter than to equalling tube

La. 6. Corolla bright lemon-yellow

La. Le. Pi. Va. 7. Vexillum stenonychioid, with 2 bosses

Vi. Le. 8. Staminal tube ending obliquely
La. Le. 9. Style dorsally compressed, pubescent on adaxial side,

not folded abaxially

10. Legume subterete, with papery, prominently reticulateveined valves

An. 11. Style appearing to arise from lower suture of legume

I.a. Pi. 12. Seeds finely scabrid-tuberculate

TABLE 1

A comparison between Anatropostylia and the other genera of the Vicieae.

Vi. Character-state typical of Vicia, La. of Latiyvas, Le. of Lens, Pi. of Pisum, Va. of Vavilovia and An. character-state peculiar to Anatropostylia.

In general facies A. koeieana is reminiscent of Vicia and Lens; this is due to the leaves, which have many pairs of small leaflets (Lathyrus, Pisum and Vavilovia are all characterised by leaves with larger, less numerous

leaflets). The evidence from floral characters provides a different emphasis. A bright yellow corolla is unknown within Vicia and Lens but is quite common in Lathyrus. The calxy of Anaropostylia distinguishes this genus from Lens: in the former the calyx teeth are usually shorter than the tube, in the latter they are several times longer. The vexillum, with its wide blade and narrow claw, and with two bosses at the junction between these areas of the petal, is like a standard of Lathyrus or Lens, but unlike that of Vicia. Seeds with a rough testa are very rare in Vicia (occurring only in the closely related V. cuspidata Boiss. and V. lathyroides L.), but they are quite common in Lathyrus and Pisum.

The remaining features (the aristate leaflets, the equal pair of laciniate stipules and the details of the fruit) are all anomalous within the Vicieae and each will serve alone to diagnose *Anatropostylia* from other members of the tribe.

Although Vicia is the largest genus in the Vicieae, and comprises wide variation in many characters, Anaropostylia cannot be included within it without a very significant broadening of its definition. In particular, while A. koeleana is retained as a member of Vicia there is no character by which Vicia can be distinguished from Lens apart from the difference in relative lengths of calyx teeth and tube. Anaropostylia could be placed in Lens on the basis of a few 'key' characters, but the diverse nature of the stipules, calyx, fruit and seeds of these two groups argues against such an arrangement. Thus the isolation of Anaropostylia is supported both by its many unique or unusual attributes and by the effect of this separation on the delimitation of Vicia and Lens.