

## NEW TAXA IN EAST AFRICAN DIERAMA (IRIDACEAE)

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ABSTRACT. Four new taxa are diagnosed: *Dierama cupuliflorum* subsp. *caudatum* Marais, *D. densiflorum* Marais, *D. longistylum* Marais and *D. parviflorum* Marais.

The following new taxa of *Dierama* will be fully described in the *Flora of Tropical East Africa*.

***Dierama cupuliflorum* subsp. *caudatum* Marais *subspecies nova*** a subspecie typica foliis latioribus crassioribusque, floribus maioribus, bracteis tenuissimis facile in ligulas longas angustasque scissis, vena media excurrenti longe caudiformi instructis, venis aliis per  $\frac{1}{3}$ – $\frac{1}{2}$  longitudinis currentibus differt.

Typus: Tanzania, Mbeya district, Poroto Mts, Livingstone Forest Reserve, 28 ix 1970, *Thulin & Mhoro* 1244 (holo. UPS, iso. K).

***Dierama densiflorum* Marais *species nova*** a *D. cupulifloro* Klatt parte basali-media bractearum tenaci opaca albaque, spicis densissimis, apice bractee ad basin superioris secundae pertinenti et tempore florescentiae a mense Aprile usque mensem Iulium differt.

Typus: Tanzania, Mbeya, hills above Mbeya, 1 vii 1951, *Bullock* 3978 (holo. K).

***Dierama longistylum* Marais *species nova*** a *D. cupulifloro* Klatt stylis longioribus perianthium quasi aequantibus, bracteis bracteolisque pallidis albidis venis plus minusve per  $\frac{1}{3}$  longitudinis currentibus differt.

Typus: Tanzania, Songea, Matengo Hills, 11 i 1956, *Milne-Redhead & Taylor* 8191 (holo. K).

***Dierama parviflorum* Marais *species nova*** a *D. cupulifloro* Klatt foliis deciduis tempus florendi quasi absentibus, floribus minoribus, stigmatibus perianthium aequantibus vel superantibus et bracteis brevioribus pallidioribusque differt.

Typus: Tanzania, Ufipa, Kito Mt, 21 xi 1958, *Richards* 10218 (holo. K).

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