

# Catalogue of the Vascular Plants of Madagascar (MadCat):

an authoritative, integrated information resource for biodiversity research and conservation

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## MADCAT: CONTEXT

- Online up-to-date synthesis of information on the flora of Madagascar
- Subset of TROPICOS with layers of projectspecific data:
  - Conservation project
  - Project aims to

    support our

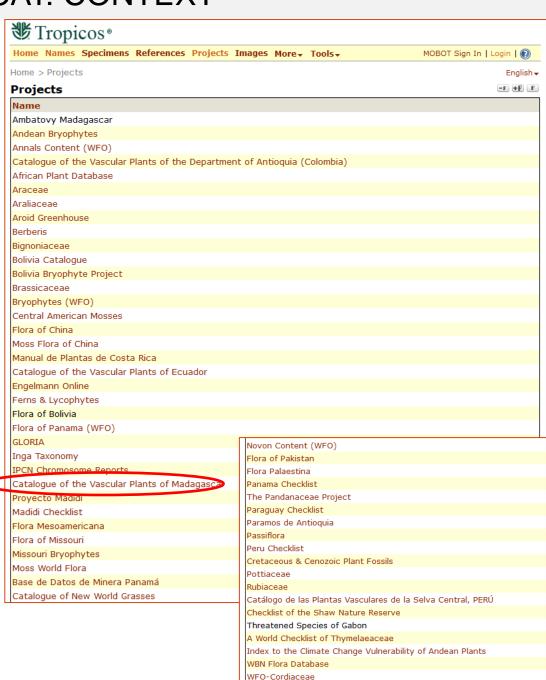
    understanding of the

    classification and

    taxonomy of each

    plant group

    | Engelmann Online |
    Ferns & Lycophytes |
    Flora of Bolivia |
    Flora of Panama (WFO) |
    GLORIA |
    Inga Taxonomy |
    IPCN Chromosome Reports |
    Catalogue of the Vascular Plants of Madagasca |
    Proyecto Madidi |
    Madidi Checklist |
    Flora Mesoamericana |
    Flora of Missouri |
    Missouri Bryophytes |
    Moss World Flora |
    Base de Datos de Minera Panamá |
    Catalogue of New World Grasses



# MADCAT: CONTEXT

- Reliable source on accepted names and synonyms (taxonomic assessment of all species), available specimens and associated images, geographical and ecological distribution, presence in Protected Areas, vernacular names, etc.
- Linkage with other databases and information sources

Cvperus

#### Resources

#### Botanical Liesner field

guide The Plant List JSTOR Plants APG links Generic Tree Key

Web Sites Glossary Fr/Eng

#### Online Library

Catalogue JSTOR

Botanicus Gallica

Adansonia Bull, Soc. Bot

Flore de Madagascar

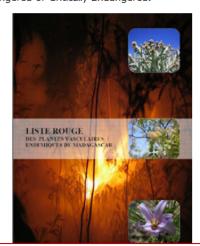
Candollea

Notes Pteridologiques General

Literature

• Maps

Bioclimate Geology Publication of the Red List of Threatened
Malagasy Plant Species. In conjunction with the
Malagasy Plant Specialist Group of the IUCN, we
have been undertaking Threat Analysis and
Conservation Status evaluations of Malagasy
Vascular plants. To date approximately 3,000
evaluation have been completed, and in May 2011 a
first plant Red List for Madagascar was published. It
includes 1,676 species assessed as Vulnerable,
Endangered or Critically Endangered.



#### What's New?

Higher Level Taxonomic Summary and Status Directory Completed. For all plant families and higher levels a taxonomic summary was completed in June 2011, and updated as new information is incorporated into the database. It provides information on the taxonomic status of the group, including species numbers and endemicity taxon by taxon, and has links to image galleries for genera and higher levels.

Candollea Notes. The fourth in a new series of taxonomic notes on the Malagasy flora edited by project personnel and collaborators will be published in the twice-yearly journal of Geneva Botanical Garden and Herbarium. The first appeared in December, 2010. To date 25 short articles have been published dealing with diverse plant groups including:

Arecaceae Garcinia Peltophorum
Pandanaceae Hetaeria Psychotria
Brackenridgea Indigofera Rhodocolea
Capuronia Korthalsella Stereospermum
Cissus Memecylon Tabernaemontana
Croton Mimulopsis Tina

Vernoniopsis

Mimusops

#### **Key Resources**

**Digital Library** - The Vahinala Project is contributing to the development of online resources and is compiling a list of resources relevant to the plants of Madagascar. Online resources are growing rapidly, and important sites include:

- BHL (Biodiversity Heritage Library)
- Botanicus
- Gallica
- Google Books
- JSTOR
- Real JB Madrid

The Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle in Paris has a valuable catalogue of online resources at:

• Revues en ligne

#### Links to Other Key Resources

- The Plant List
- African Plant Database
- JSTOR Plant Science (ex Aluka)
- Flore Numérique d'Afrique Centrale
- TROPICOS
- SONNERAT
- · MBG Projects in Africa
- · Angiosperm Phylogeny Website
- Conspectus of the Vascular Plants of Madagascar
- Gazetteer to Malagasy Botanical Collecting Localities

# **MADCAT: CONTEXT**



- Data delivered through TROPICOS (linked to standardized reference tables: names and synonyms, type specimens, authors, collectors, geographic units, journals and books, etc.
- Very high quality, carefully structured data: precise geo-referencing, reliable taxonomic circumscriptions (authoritative taxonomic reference), identifications provided by recognized specialists
- Integration of information obtained from a diversity of sources, all verified and validated

#### Rhodocolea involucrata

- Basic nomenclature data
- Synonymy
- Links to other sources
- Series of panels that can be opened or closed



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# Other Searches Specimen Full Search Specimens with Vernacular names References Geographic Search Collector Search Search Builder Project Query builder (Login required)

Image Galleries

Specimens Scans

All Image Galleries

Photo Gallery

Red List

Project Name Data (Last Modified On 6/10/2009)
Acceptance: Accepted

Taxon Profile (Last Modified On 10/9/2014)

Distribution: Endemic to Madagascar

Lifeform/Habit: Tree

Vegetation Formation: Forest

**Bioclimate:** Humid **Elevation:** 0-499 m

Provinces: Antsiranana, Toamasina
- Antsiranana Regions: DIANA, SAVA
- Toamasina Regions: Analanjirofo

Protected Areas: Masoala, Nosy Mangabe

NAP and other important sites outside protected areas: Daraina complex

# Project data panel

Show Specimens 

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- Distribution
- Ecology
- Protected areas
- Notes and comments

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# Resources Botanical

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APG links

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Catalogue





#### Image panel

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- Type images
- Zoom function

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Show Project Data • 

Show Specimens 

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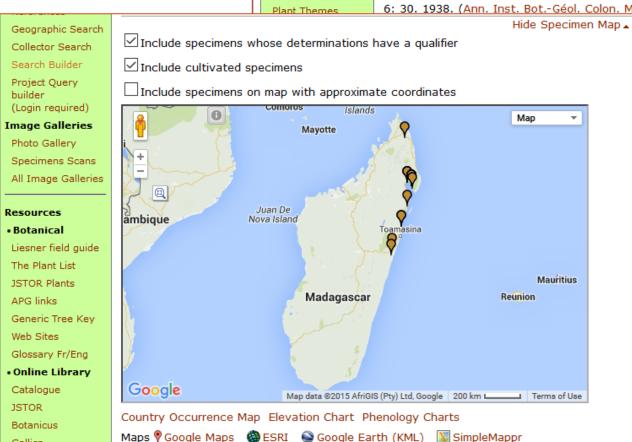
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Show Images →

Interactive

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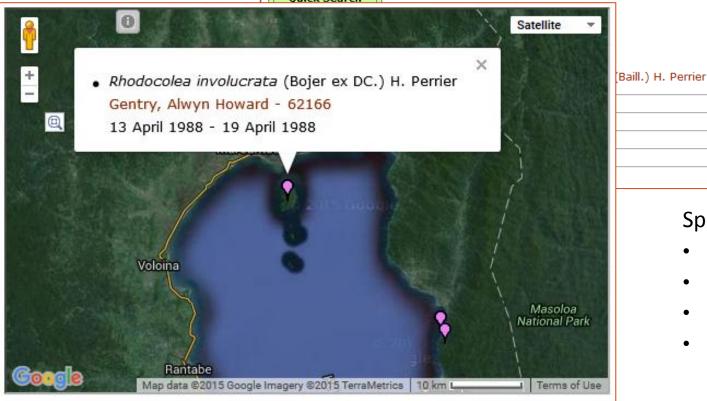
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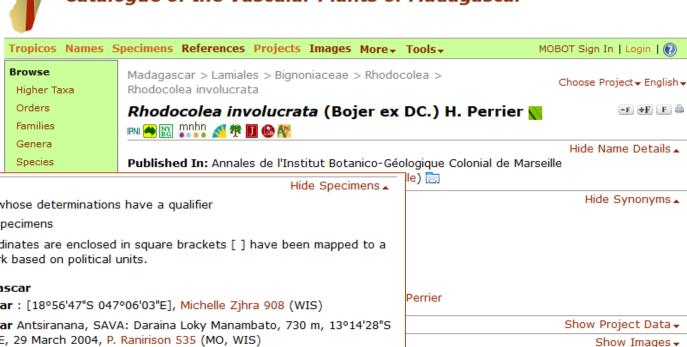
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Geology

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Regions

Ethnic groups

Vegetation

#### Protected

#### Areas

Details

Nat. Parks

SAPM

Gazetteers

MBG Gazetteer Fallingrain.com

- ✓ Include specimens whose determinations have a qualifier
- ✓ Include cultivated specimens

Specimens whose coordinates are enclosed in square brackets [ ] have been mapped to a standard reference mark based on political units.

#### Africa & Madagascar

- Madagascar: [18°56'47"S 047°06'03"E], Michelle Zjhra 908 (WIS)
- Madagascar Antsiranana, SAVA: Daraina Loky Manambato, 730 m, 13°14'28"S 049°36'26"E, 29 March 2004, P. Ranirison 535 (MO, WIS)
- Madagascar Toamasina: Nosy Mangabe RS, 0 330 m, 15°30'00"S 049°46'00"E, 13 April 1988 - 23 April 1988, George E. Schatz & Alwyn H. Gentry 2260 (MO)
- Madagascar Toamasina, Analanjirofo: Nosy Mangabe RS, 0 330 m, 15°30'00"S 049°46'00"E, 8 February 1988, George E. Schatz 1851 (MO, P)
- Madagascar Toamasina, Analanjirofo: Andranobe, 110 260 m, 15°40'24"S 049°57'51"E, 01 April 1994, Justin Rabe & et al. 13
- Madagascar Toamasina, Analanjirofo: Masoala Peninsula, 700 m, 15°39'30"S 049°57'30"E, June 1993, Michelle Zjhra & James Hutcheon 369 (MO, P)
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- Madagascar Toamasina, Analanjirofo: Nosy Mangabe RS, 30 m, 15°30'00"S 049°46'00"E, 13-19 April 1988, Alwyn H. Gentry & George E. Schatz 62164 (MO,
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#### Specimen panel

- Linked to complete specimen records
- Post-facto geo-referenced

Show Specimen Map -

Show Specimens ▼

Selection filters

# MADCAT: CURRENT STATISTICS

# 28,652 total taxa treated, incl.:

11,386 Accepted 66 241 1,687 15,322 accepted names (10,965)names 12,873 synonyms Endemic to 5 8,916 304 457 names of other status Madagascar 60% of genera remain to be

**60% of genera** remain to be evaluated, estimated to add more than **1,500 undescribed species** 

**1,015** estimated undescribed species among the 40% of genera evaluated

MadCat: the most complete and reliable publicly available resource on Malagasy plants; it constitutes an easily accessible source of authoritative information on the island's flora

Order

**Family** 

Genus

**Species** 



(ALIGNED TO THE AICHI GOALS AND THE GSPC TARGETS)

- 1. Deliver data to World Flora Online (WFO) in response to:
- Target 1 of GSPC: An online flora of all known plants
- Target 19 of Aichi: Knowledge, the science base and technologies relating to biodiversity, its values, functioning, status and trends, and the consequences of its loss, are improved, widely shared and transferred, and applied

MadCat will provide to WFO core information on all published, accepted species from Madagascar

The World Flora Online will build upon existing knowledge and published floras, checklists and revisions to provide the first comprehensive and scientifically valid over-view account of the world's plant diversity by 2020

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# 2. Deliver comprehensive specimen records cited in all recent, authoritative taxonomic works

Plant Syst Evol (2009) 283:237–245 DOI 10.1007/s00606-009-0223-3

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Billburttia, a new genus of Apiaceae (tribe Apieae) endemic to Madagascar

Anthony Richard Magee · Ben-Erik van Wyk · Patricia M. Tilney · Fatima Sales · Ian Hedge · Stephen R. Downie

Taxonomic revision published in 2009 (6 years ago)

Species page for the two described species completed in MadCat

Received: 27 January 2009/Accepted: 14 September 2009/Published online: 9 October 2009 © Springer-Verlag 2009

Abstract The genus *Billburttia* is described to include two new species endemic to Madagascar, *B. capensoides* and *B. vaginoides*. Both species were tentatively placed within the problematic genus *Peucedanum* L. (as *Peucedanum* sp. A and *Peucedanum* sp. B) based on their dorsally compressed fruits lacking prominent dorsal ribs and with winged marginal ribs. Recently, however, the African members of *Peucedanum* have been shown to be only distantly related to the type of the genus and have therefore been segregated into six African endemic genera. While the Malagasy species appear superficially similar to members from one of these segregate genera, viz. *Notobubon*, they differ markedly in their fruit anatomical

Billburttia. The non-peucedanoid affinity of the genus, as suggested by the fruit anatomical data, was confirmed using ITS and rps16 intron sequences. Both parsimony and Bayesian analyses of these data place Billburttia within the tribe Apieae of subfamily Apioideae and not closely related to either Peucedanum (Selineae) or the African peucedanoid genera (Lefebvrea clade of Tordylieae).

**Keywords** Billburttia capensoides ·
Billburttia vaginoides · Fruit anatomy · ITS · New genus ·
New species · Peucedanum · rps16 intron · Sphaerocrystals

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# KEY MADCAT 2020 OBJ Selected specimens examined Baron 340, s. loc. (K, P);

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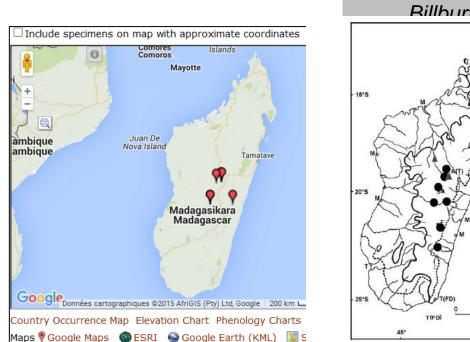


Fig. 3 The known geographical distribution of Billburtia capensoides (circles) and B. vaginoides (triangles)

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- Madagascar Antananarivo, Vakinankaratra: Manjakatompo, 2320 m, 19°20'02"S 047°16'18"E, 28 Octob
- Madagascar Fianarantsoa, Amoron'i Mania: Itremo, 20°34'30"S 046°34'50"E, 27 Jan 1975, Thomas B.
- Madagascar Fianarantsoa, Amoron'i Mania: Itremo, 1540 m, 20°34'40"S 046°35'11"E, 9 November 2001
- Madagascar Fianarantsoa, Vatovavy-Fitovinany: 1610 m, 20°33'30"S 047°55'30"E, 11 Mar 1992, R.A.

2021, central Madagascar (BM, K). Bosser 7563, Faratsiho, 2009, Fianarantsoa, Ambositra to Ambatofinandrahana on estière de Manjakatompo near sommet Hosiarivo, in massif l'Ankaratra (MO); 29892, vicinity of col de l'Itremo, massif de l'Itremo (MO, P). Decary 13035, Ambatofi-Rillhurttia canansonandrahana, 1700 m (P); 13400, massif du Tsiafajavona, 2200-2600 m (P); 17248, Ambositra, dans les bois de Tapia (P); 17356, Ambatofinandrahana (P). Du Puy, Labat & Andriantiana M660, west of Ambositra, 20° 34'S, 46° 35'E, east margin of Itremo massif, 1290 m (K, P). Guillaumet 3588, plateau d'Andohariana, Andringitra, c. 2000 m (P). Hildebrandt 3571, nord Betsileo, Antsirabe (BM, K, P). Hodgkin & Stansfields.n, without locality (K). Humbert3634, env. de Miarinarivo, SE d'Ambalavao, c. 1,200 m (P). Humbert & Capuron 28129, env. d'Ambatofinandrahana, c. 1450 m (P). Jard. Bot. Tananarive 221, pentes nord de Vohitra, Antsirabe (P); 3644, Tsiafajayona (P). Keraudren 218, env. d'Ambatofinandrahana (P). Moeller, Andriantiana & Haevermans 01-26, Fianarantsoa, Itremo, col d'Itremo, 20° 34'S, 46°34'E (E). Perrier de la Bâthie 6792, env. d'Antsirabe, 1500 m (P); 6807, W du massif d'Andringitra, 1000 m, type de l'espèce (P). Rakotovao 52, Réserve Naturelle Intégrale no. 5, près de la montagne rocheuse Vangomena, plateau de Sonindrana, 2010 m (MO, P). Rakotozafy 631, Itremo (P). Razafindrabe 193, Fianarantsoa, Ambalavao, Sendrisoa, Antanifotsy, pic Boby d'Andringitra, 2658 m (MO, P). Resérves Naturelles 2278 Razafindrakoto, distr. Ambalavao, canton Sendrisoa (P). Viguier & Humbert 1357, distr. Betafo, sommet du pic de Vohimalaza près Betafo, 1700 m (P); 1386, distr. Betafo, dans la coulée de laves de l'Iantsifitra, c. 1450 m (P); 1617, Betafo, monts Vararata, c. 2000 m (P); 1727, prov. Itasy, distr. Kitsamby, sur le flanc ouest de l'Ankaratra, entre Ambatofotsy et le Tsiafajavona, c. 2200 m (P). Waterlot s.n., Antsirabe (P).

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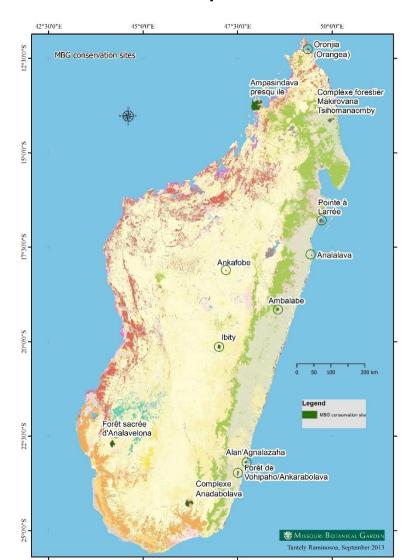
Implementation of community-based conservation at 13 Priority Areas for Plant Conservation by MBG

Analytical information-based decision making (integrating biological data including on the flora)



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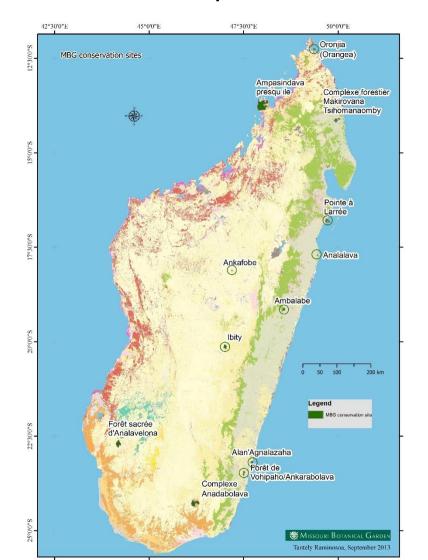
The effective management of the PA hampered by the poor knowledge

Objective: to facilitate the conservation of the community based conservation sites through the provision of an improved botanical data



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Identification of each specimen (old and new from subsequent plant inventories) according to the most recent taxonomic treatment (where available) or by careful comparison with type specimens and other authoritative reference collections, using the resources at Madagascar's two national herbaria (TAN and TEF)

Identification by recognized specialists

TROPICOS is automatically updated as new information is captured into the MadCat

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4. Expand and broaden targeted thematic content, e.g., invasive species, aquatic plants, species recorded in all of Madagascar's PAs

Ethnic groups Vegetation

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**Plant Themes.** We are developing a series of MadCat special interest themes accessible through the 'Plant Themes' link on the Navigation Bar, or through the 'Search Builder'. These currently include:

- Parasitic Plants
- Endemic Plant Families
- Dye Plants

...more information and

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Aponogeton sp.: very sought as aquarium plant

# CONCLUSION

The MadCat provides the most reliable information source on the Malagasy flora

It is publicly accessible and contains a wide array of valuable and relevant data

The MadCat supports a wide range of decisionmaking processes, including Madagascar's National Biodiversity Assessment

Verified and validated information is delivered from the MadCat to GBIF via TROPICOS

MadCat: www.tropicos.org/Project/MADA