

Asystasia (Acanthaceae) in Malaysia

ABSTRACT

Three taxa of *Asystasia*, the naming of which has been confused, occur in Peninsular Malaysia. None is native. *A. nemorum* Nees (syn. *A. intrusa* Blume, non (Forssk.) Nees) from Java has only been collected from Penang and Singapore. *A. gangetica* (L.) T. Anderson is widespread and is represented by two subspecies: a large-flowered taxon, subsp. *gangetica* (syn. *A. coromandeliana* Nees) which is a long-established introduction from India and a small-flowered taxon, subsp. *micrantha* (Nees) Ensermu (syn. *A. intrusa* (Forssk.) Nees) which is a recent introduction, probably from Africa. A key to the three taxa in Malaysia is provided.

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