

NEW TREATMENT OF PHYLLANTHUS MICROPHYLLUS COMPLEX

Key:

- 9(8). Dioecious or subdioecious (occasional plants with 1 or 2 flowers of the other sex); anthers dehiscing vertically or nearly so, filaments completely connate; seeds striate, banded; leaves mostly acute..... 10
9. Monoecious, nearly all branchlets with both staminate and pistillate flowers; anthers dehiscing horizontally to slightly obliquely, filaments completely or partially connate; leaves mostly obtuse..... . 11
10. Staminate sepals 1.5-2.3 mm long; anther column 0.5 mm high or more; staminate pedicel 0.5-1.5 mm long; seeds 1.8-2 mm long.....P. lindbergii
10. Staminate sepals 0.7-1 mm long; anther column 0.3-0.5 mm high; staminate pedicel 0.2-0.6 mm long; seeds 1.1-1.3 mm long..... P. microphyllus

Phyllanthus lindbergii Müll. Arg. in Mart., Fl. Bras. 11(2): 35. 1873.

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Phyllanthus microphyllus H.B.K., Nov. Gen. Sp. (quarto ed.) 2: 109. 1817.

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