

NOVITATES GABONENSIS 44
UVARIA ANNICKIAE, A NAME FOR A RARE
UVARIA SPECIES (ANNONACEAE) FROM GABON

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SUMMARY

A new species of *Uvaria* from Gabon is described.

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In the Annonaceae part (part 16) of the 'Flore du Gabon' A. Le Thomas described a species of *Uvaria* as *Uvaria spec.* This species was known at that time from a single specimen with flowers. Since that publication several fruiting specimens of the species were collected on different locations in Gabon. Now the fruits are known it is clear that this species does not yet have a scientific name.

***Uvaria annickiae* Jongkind, *spec. nov.* — Fig. 1**

Liana magna. Ramuli petioli laminae pagina inferior indumento denso pilis fasciculatis.
Uvaria afzelii Scott-Elliot affinis. — Typus: *Wieringa 772* (holo WAG; iso K, LBV,
MO, P), 0.5 km N of Tchimbélé, 26 April 1990.

Uvaria spec., A. Le Thomas (1969) 68.

Liana up to 20 m high. Branchlets and leaves beneath with many 1–2 mm long erect, fascicled hairs. Leaf-blade 9–23 by 5–11.5 cm, widest above the middle, c. 13 pairs of laterals, base cordate, apex acuminate; petiole 8–11 mm long. Flowers single on the end of a branchlet, calyx cup-shaped in bud, petals 2.5–3 by 2.5–2.7 cm. Fruits covered with 1–2 mm long erect golden-brown hairs; stipe 2–4 cm long. Calyx often still present in fruit in the shape of a small saucer-shaped ring around the stipe. Monocarps up to 55 in a flower, distinctly lobed, more or less heart-shaped, usually 2-seeded, up to 2.5 cm long, 2 cm wide and 1.3 cm high; stipe 2–4.5 cm long.

Distribution — Only known from Gabon.

Habitat — Forest.

Notes — The fruits are very characteristic and look like strongly oversized fruits of *Uvaria afzelii* from west Africa. There is no other species of *Uvaria* in Africa known with this combination of fruit characters.

This species is named after A. Le Thomas who first recognised this species. Because there already exists an *Uvaria thomasi* I take the liberty to use her first name.



Fig. 1. *Uvaria annickiae* Jongkind in fruit (Breteler, Jongkind & Wieringa 11013).

Additional specimens examined:

GABON. 30 km N of Kango, 1 Oct. 1986, *Breteler & Lemmens 8279* (LBV, WAG); 5–10 km E of Saint Germain, E of Okano River, 21 April 1988, *Breteler, Jongkind & Dibata 8903* (BR, EA, K, LBV, MA, MO, P, PRE, WAG); 5–30 km NNW of Ndjolé, 22 April 1992, *Breteler, Jongkind & Wieringa 11013* (WAG); Monts Doudou, c. 55 km on exploitation track in WNW direction from Doussala, 27 November 1986, *De Wilde, Arends & De Bruijn 8998* (para LBV, MO, WAG); Sindara, 13 Oct. 1917, *Le Testu 2233* (para BM, P).

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