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The large pods are very hard and contain a greenish powdery material that is edible. The willowy character of the twigs should make it a good tree to plant in hurricane regions.

For previous introduction see 47559.

97769. *IPOMOEA POLYANTHES* Roem. and Schult. Convolvulaceae.

Morning-glory.

No. 2780. Collected January 30, 1932 in Dominica, Leeward Islands. A yellow-flowered morning-glory.

97770. *IXORA LUTEA* Hutch. Rubiaceae.

No. 2668. Collected in the Botanic Garden, Dominica, January 28, 1932. A glabrous shrub with sessile or subsessile leaves, oblong, with rounded or cordate base and sometimes an acuminate top. It differs from *I. coccinea* by having a laxer inflorescence and pale yellow flowers with larger ovate-rhomboid corolla lobes.

97771. *JASMINUM AZORICUM* L. Oleaceae. Azores jasmine.

No. 2787. Collected at Orangetown, St. Eustatius Island, Dutch West Indies. A slender vine forming a mass of dark gray-green foliage and bearing long white tubular fragrant 7-parted flowers in loose cymes. The berries are black.

For previous introduction see 43802.

97772. *LAWSONIA INERMIS* L. Lythraceae.

Henna.

No. 2660. Presented by the head gardener of the Botanic Gardens, Antigua, Leeward Islands. This is the henna bush of the Orient, used by women to stain their finger nails. The foliage contains an orange dye. This bush is considered one of the best hedge plants here, comparable to *Dodonea viscosa*.

97773. *LOBELIA PERSICAEFOLIA* Lam. Campanulaceae.

No. 2674. Collected along the roadside at 1,200 feet altitude in Dominica, Leeward Islands, January 31, 1932. A perennial herb with a rather weedy appearance and brilliant crimson flowers.

97774. *MYRISTICA FRAGRANS* Houtt. Myristicaceae.

Common nutmeg.

No. 2739. Collected February 4, 1932, in the Botanic Garden at St. Vincent, Windward Islands.

For previous introduction and description see 97573.

97775. *OPUNTIA* sp. Cactaceae.

No. 2667. Collected on St. Kitts, Leeward Islands, January 23, 1932. A small handsome unusually attractive form with few spines, almost smooth, and peach red fruits with red flesh which is sour but refreshing.

97776. *PASSIFLORA SUBEROSA* L. Passifloraceae.

Cork passionflower.

No. 2625. Collected on Saona Island, Dominican Republic, January 20, 1932. Several of the small-fruited passifloras are valued as ornamentals, and this woody climber properly comes under that class. The small flowers are green, and the fruit is a black berry.

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97777. *PASSIFLORA QUADRANGULARIS* L. Passifloraceae.

Giant granadilla.

No. 2645. From St. Kitts, January 24, 1932. A vine with large very luscious fruits, growing in acid soil.

97778. *PITCAIRNIA BRACTEATA* Ait. Bromeliaceae.

No. 2767. Collected on St. Vincent, February 4, 1932. A very short-stemmed shrubby plant resembling a billbergia, with a dense rosette of narrow somewhat spiny leaves and a central spike-like raceme of red or yellow flowers. It is native to St. Vincent.

97779. *PITCAIRNIA COCCINEA* Hort. Bromeliaceae.

No. 2723. A very striking ornamental with lax sprays of large tubular scarlet flowers which rise from a mass of typical bromeliad-like leaves, collected in the Botanic Garden, Dominica, Leeward Islands.

97780. *ALBIZZIA BERTERIANA* (Balb.) Fawcett and Rendle (*Pithecolobium berterianum* Benth.). Mimosaceae.

No. 2747. Collected in the Botanic Garden, St. Vincent, March 4, 1932. A tree over 100 feet high with smooth gray bark, long tough branches, and small rather thin foliage which offers no resistance to the West Indian hurricanes. It does not cast a dense shade, but its clean gray buttressed trunk is most attractive and suited for large avenue effects and as a stately tree in parks.

97781 and 97782. *PLUMERIA OBTUSA* L. Apocynaceae.

A handsome small tree with dark-green leathery leaves and rather small white flowers with a yellow eye.

97781. No. 2570. Collected on Rum Key, Bahama Islands, January 6, 1932.

97782. No. 2627. Collected on Beata Island, Dominican Republic, January 27, 1932.

97783. *QUAMOCLIT COCCINEA* (L.) Moench. Convolvulaceae.

Scarlet starglory.

No. 2768. Collected at the Government House, St. Lucia, Windward Islands, February 3, 1932. A vine with entire cordate leaves over 2 inches long and 2 inches wide and many brilliant scarlet flowers with the corolla tube curved.

97784. *RANDIA FORMOSA* (Jacq.) Schum. Rubiaceae.

No. 2664. Collected in the Botanic Garden, Dominica, Leeward Islands, January 28, 1932. An attractive flowering shrub with long white fragrant flowers. Each flower has a long slender tube and flat salver-shaped corolla. The small fruits are striped different tints of greenish yellow and are about the size of a gooseberry. They are said to be edible.

97785. *SOLANUM MAMMOSUM* L. Solanaceae.

No. 2741. Collected February 3, 1932, on St. Lucia. A strikingly ornamental, very spiny shrub, covered with large globose orange-colored fruits over 2 inches in diameter. The fruits are said to be poisonous, and evidently cattle and sheep do not touch them.

For previous introduction see 90935.