

**138955. GOSSYPIUM. Malvaceae. Cotton.**

From Massachusetts. Seeds presented by the Gray Herbarium, Harvard University, Cambridge. Received August 19, 1940.

*C. B. 1409.* Seeds originally received from Argentina.

**138956. CYRTOSPERMA MERKUSII Schott. Araceae.**

From the Philippine Islands. Collected by Dr. David Fairchild, Coconut Grove, Florida. Received August 21, 1940.

No. 452.

**138957 to 138960.**

From Iran. Seeds collected by Walter Koelz, Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture. Received August 20, 1940.

**138957 to 138959. PRUNUS AVIUM L. Amygdalaceae. Sweet cherry.**

138957. No. 6154. *Gelas.* From Tehran, June 14, 1940. Fruit  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in diameter, red, good flavor.

138958. No. 6201. *Gelas.* From Tehran, June 21, 1940. A large, crimson variety.

138959. No. 6208. *Gelas.* From Tehran, June 22, 1940. A firm, "black" variety.

**138960. PRUNUS sp.**

No. 6155. From Burujird, Luristan, May 26, 1940.

**138961 to 138964.**

From Haiti. Seeds collected by H. F. Loomis and T. A. Fennell, Service Technique, Fond-des-Nègres. Received August 15, 1940.

**138961. ACROCOMIA ACULEATA Lodd. Phoenicaceae. Grugru palm.**

A beautiful spiny-trunked palm, with slightly arching fronds bearing crowded, narrow, drooping pinnae held at various angles to the upper surface of the rachis. This is the first record of the species from the Southern Peninsula of Haiti; several of the palms being found at Habitation Deron, between Beaumont and Rivier Glace, where the native name is *Cocotier*.

For previous introduction see 93528.

**138962. BORNOA CRASSISPATHA (Mart.) Cook. Phoenicaceae. Palm.**

A magnificent, pinnate-leaved palm, somewhat resembling the coconut, but attaining greater size and having a straight trunk; the leaves are arranged somewhat more on edge and are darker green. The very large, compact fruit-cluster from which the seeds were gathered weighed more than 40 pounds and was estimated to have had 1,500 to 2,000 fruits that were bright yellow when fully ripe.

**138963. BORNOA sp. Palm.**

Similar to *Bornoa crassispatha*, but the spathes are longer, more slender, and do not open as widely over the fruit cluster. The fruit clusters are smaller, with smaller fruits, fewer in number on the branches of the spadix; the terminal or male portion of the branches is longer. The palms here are known as *Cocoroz* or *Cocorosse*.

**138964. GEONOMA OXYCARPA Mart. Phoenicaceae. Palm.**

A slender palm, with a slender, very stiff trunk, 7 to 8 feet high, growing in moist woods on the higher mountains. The leaves are unevenly pinnate, with the pinnae usually segregated in several individual groups on each side of the rachis. The small fruits are bluish black. The common name of this palm is *Coco-macaque*.