

*Kennedyia comptoniana* (Fabaceae), 47191. From Blackwood, South Australia. Seeds presented by Mr. Edwin Ashby, "Wittunga." "This is a fine climber. The sprays of deep violet flowers are very long, and the leaves are more deeply cut than in the variety around Perth, W. Australia." (Ashby.)

*Mimusops caffra* (Sapotaceae), 47099. From Africa. Presented by Mr. J. Burt-Davy, Johannesburg. A somewhat hoary or glaucous evergreen tree or shrub forming a large proportion of the sea-dune vegetation, but also extending inland on sandy soils. On the dunes it grows down to the watermark, fully exposed to sea winds and, where these winds prevail, is consequently usually dwarfed and heavily branched from the base. In shelter it gets up to about 10 meters (33 ft.) in height and 30 to 45 centimeters ( $11\frac{3}{4}$  to  $17\frac{3}{4}$  in.) in diameter, but even there it is heavily branched and very gnarled and crooked, and consequently yields first-rate knees, etc., for boat-building. The leaves are firmly coriaceous, and widely obovate. The flowers are usually in clusters of 2 to 4 in the axils along the branch. The fruit is 2 centimeters ( $\frac{3}{4}$  in.) long, tapering to the point, red, and is relished by children. Abundant along the coast and through M'Chôpes; as also in Cape Colony and Natal. (Adapted from Sim, Forest Flora Portuguese East Africa, p. 80.)

*Nephelium lappaceum* (Sapindaceae), 47196 & 47197. **Rambutan.** From Buitenzorg, Java. Seeds presented by the Director, Botanic Garden. "While perhaps not equaling its near relative, the litchi, the **rambutan** is one of the best fruits of the Malayan region. The late Dr. Treub of Java preferred it to the mangosteen, although it is not so esteemed by the majority of Europeans. It is a handsome fruit, and one which can bear a considerable amount of handling; hence it should be possible to market it advantageously, once it is produced in tropical America. Like the mangosteen, the durian, and the litchi, its introduction into the American tropics has not been given sufficient attention. There seems to be no reason why all of these fruits and numerous others from the Malayan region should not succeed in parts of Porto Rico, Cuba, and tropical America in general. The mangosteen, invariably considered one of the most delicate and exacting of Malayan fruit trees, has fruited successfully both in Jamaica and Dominica. The **rambutan** is seen in almost every garden about Singapore