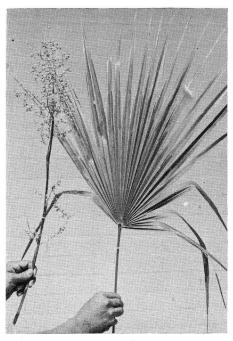


 Maxburretia, end of male panicle showing three orders of sinuous branchlets except at tip with two orders only.



11. Maxburretia, leaf and infructescence.

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Maxburretia in Thailand

While sorting through the unmounted palm material in the Herbarium Bogoriense, Bogor, I came across a collection of a small fan palm from a limestone ridge in South Thailand near Surat Thani. The locality and habitat details are as follows: Surat, Khao Phra Rahu, 300 m. Common on limestone ridge. 4th Unesco Training Expedition. Leg. T. Smitinand & H. Sleumer, No. 1230, 22.9.1963.

The collection obviously represented Liberbaileya, Maxburretia or another new coryphoid genus. Close examination of the flowers (male) and vegetative structures have shown it to be Maxburretia rupicola (Ridley) Furtado. This remarkable collection about 400 miles north of the only other locality of Maxburretia in Selangor, Malaya, goes to emphasize how little is known of the palm flora of South Thailand. Maybe we can expect further localities of Maxburretia and possibly Liberbaileya in the future. The distribution of Maxburretia is shown to be extremely disjunct.

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