

*minatis basi obtusis vel rotundatis, adultis glaberrimis, venis utrinque 5-6 subtus prominentibus, rete tenui transverso; paniculis folio multo brevioribus calycibusque rufo-tomentosis; pedicellis brevissimis; petalis extus tomentosus glanduloso-punctatis calyce triplo longioribus; folliculis obovatis turgidis tomento deterrenti primum vestitis, stipite petalis longiore.*

HAB. Feejee Islands: on Ovolau, Rewa, and Vanua-levu.

Shrub apparently of considerable size; the *younger branchlets with the developing leaves, &c., tomentose* with a rusty or reddish pubescence, which is soon *deciduous*, except from the inflorescence. Leaves alternate, pinnate, with 5 to 7 leaflets, or rarely only 3. The leaflets are of a chartaceous texture, *entirely glabrous when full grown*, not shining, from 3 to 6½ inches long and 1¼ to 2 inches wide, varying from *lanceolate-oblong* to *ovate-oblong*, most of them *slightly acuminate, obtuse or rounded at the base*, on partial petioles of 3 lines in length: the primary veins 5 or 6 pairs, prominent underneath, connected by slender veinlets which form *transverse reticulations*. Vestiges of the rusty pubescence often persist on the midrib underneath. *Panicles shorter than the leaves* or even the petioles, axillary and terminal, many-flowered, clothed with *reddish wool*. *Pedicels very short*. Calyx a line and a half long, deeply five-cleft, woolly, like the inflorescence. Petals spatulate, 3 lines long, more or less tomentose outside, and sprinkled with orange-coloured *glandular dots*. Stamens 10; those of both series bearing fertile anthers. Ovary and style ferruginous-pubescent. *Pod obovate, turgid*, an inch in length, excluding the stipe, or contracted base (which is 3 lines long, *exceeding the marcescent petals*), and 7 or 8 lines wide, thick and coriaceous, *clothed with a rusty down, which rubs off* at maturity, two-valved. Seed solitary, conformed to the cell, attached above its base; its lower part embraced by a lobed and somewhat lacerate arillus. Cotyledons fleshy, plano-convex, conformed to the seed. Radicle short, superior.

This species appears to be most nearly related to *Connarus mutabilis* of Blume, a native of the Indian Archipelago; but it has more tomentose branchlets, &c., larger and smoother leaflets, pubescent petals, the stamens all with fertile anthers, and larger pods, the surface of which is not transversely striate.