

Family 86. BASELLACEAE

Revision:

Steenis, CGGJ van. 1957. *Basellaceae*. Flora Malesiana series 1, 5: 300-304.

1. *Anredera* Jussieu

Anredera scandens (L.) Moq. in DC, Prodr. 13, 2 (1849) 230; --Merr., Fl. Manila (1912) 201; --EPFP 2 (1923) 137; --Steen., Fl. Males. ser. 1, 5 (1957) 304.

Native of tropical Americas, here introduced by the Spaniards and thoroughly naturalized by the early 19th century.

LUZON: Nueva Ecija, Rizal, Cavite, Laguna, Batangas. Common in thickets at low and medium altitudes, preferring areas with pronounced dry season. Does not produce seeds locally.

2. *Basella* Linnaeus

Basella alba L., Sp. Pl. (1753) 272; --Steen., Fl. Males. ser. 1, 5 (1957) 301, Fig. 1.

Basella rubra L., Sp. Pl. (1753) 272; --Merr., Fl. Manila (1912) 200; EPFP 2 (1923) 137.

Native country not exactly known but probably native in the Old World both in Africa and tropical SE Asia. Of ancient introduction to Malesia and China; presently pantropical in distribution.

Throughout the Philippines in settled areas, mostly in the lowlands, often cultivated.