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## Studies on Homalomeneae (Araceae) of Sumatera VI: Two remarkable new species of *Homalomena* [Chamaecladon Clade]

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**Abstract.** Two ornamental new species of Sumateran *Homalomena* [Chamaecladon] are described: *Homalomena anthurioides* S.Y.Wong, P.C.Boyce & A.Hay and *H. pexa* S.Y.Wong, P.C.Boyce & A.Hay. These novelties represent a continuation of discoveries on Sumatera of species with uniquely, for Asia, highly elaborated epidermis.

**Keywords:** Araceae, *Homalomena*, Chamaecladon, Indonesia, Sumatera.

### INTRODUCTION

The existence on Sumatera of *Homalomena* Schott [Chamaecladon Clade] with extraordinarily ornamented leaf blades and/or petioles has been known since at least the 1920s, Alderwerelt (1922) having described three species with ornamented leaves: *H. asperiifolia* Alderw., *H. cristata* Alderw., and *H. doctersii* Alderw. The past decade has witnessed a marked increase in discovery of such species, among which are some of the most astonishing aroids yet described from the Malay Archipelago.

Previous papers in this series have described six such species (Boyce and Wong 2012; 2013; 2016a,b,c). Here we describe a further two novelties; one with the entire plant densely covered in scale-like hairs, and with the newly emerging leaves and exterior of the spathe with a dense fleece of soft shaggy trichomes, and the other with remarkably stiff and brittle microscopically asperous leaf blades, and petioles with a pronounced proportionately very large apical geniculum.

Both species described here are highly ornamental and have already attracted the attention of horticulturists. For this reason, we are withholding precise information about the type localities.