

Review of: "An Ecological Study of *Alstonia Venenata* R.Br. (Apocynaceae: Rauvolfioideae) and *Cryptolepis Buchanani* R.Br. ex Roem. & Schult. (Apocynaceae: Periplocoideae)"

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The title of the study is a bit misleading. It may be changed to "Pollination" or "Breeding System in...", whichever is more appropriate, for it does not discuss several ecological aspects like population structure, regeneration, pests and predators, or geographic/climatic conditions variability, etc. The study does not elaborate on its aims & objectives clearly. Also, the study needs to specify its rationale/purpose - why only these 2 species are chosen?

In its present form, it appears more descriptive and observation-based than experimental. Simple methods such as time counts of floral visitors will give a better idea about the diversity and abundance of floral visitors in the area. The common names of butterflies may be added in parentheses for wider appeal and reading ease.

The new name (*Cryptolepis dubia* (Burm.f.) M.R.Almeida.) suggested for *C. buchananii* may be quoted by providing relevant references.

Literature referred to is scant. Another 5-6 relevant publications may be please cited at least, especially with respect to the use of *Cryptolepis* in Ayurveda/folk medicine.