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A NEW VARIETY OF *ELAEAGNUS KANAII* MOMIYAMA (ELAEAGNACEAE) FROM GARHWAL

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During the course of revision of the family Elaeagnaceae the authors found an interesting specimen kept as *E. umbellata* Thunb. On critical studies it has been placed in *E. kanaii* Momiyama but it differs in having leaves appressed hairy on upper surface, fruit flat at the top, brownish spotted, scaly and pedicel 1 cm long.

A key to differentiate *E. kanaii* Momiyama var. *typica* and var. *osmastonii* var. *nov.* is given below :

Pedicels 2.2 cm long, fruit apiculate, silvery scaly, leaves stellately hairy on the upper surface ...	*E.kanaii* var. *typica*
Pedicels 1.0 cm long, fruit flat at the top, brownish spotted, scaly, leaves appressed hairy on the upper surface ...	*E. kanaii* var. *osmastonii*

Elaeagnus kanaii Momiyama var. *osmastonii* Malhotra et Basu var. *nov.* a varietate typica differt foliis supra atro-brunneis, appresse pilosis, petiolis brevibus ; fructu apice plano, brunneolo-maculato, squamato, pedicellis 1 cm longis, incrassatis prope juncturam fructu.

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Holotypus Lectus a *Osmaston* sub numero 859 A & B ad locum Khatik Swami Reserve, Garhwal, 2400 m, die 31.10.1917, et positus in herbario DD.

Elaeagnus kanaii Momiyama var. **osmastonii** Malhotra et Basu var. *nov.*

Shrubs, leaves ellipsoid, upper surface dark brown, appressed hairy, petiole short. Fruit pedicelled, pedicels 1.0 cm long, thickened near the attachment of fruit.

Holotype : Khatik Swami Reserve, Garhwal (2400 m) Oct. 31, 1917, *Osmaston* 859 A & B (DD).

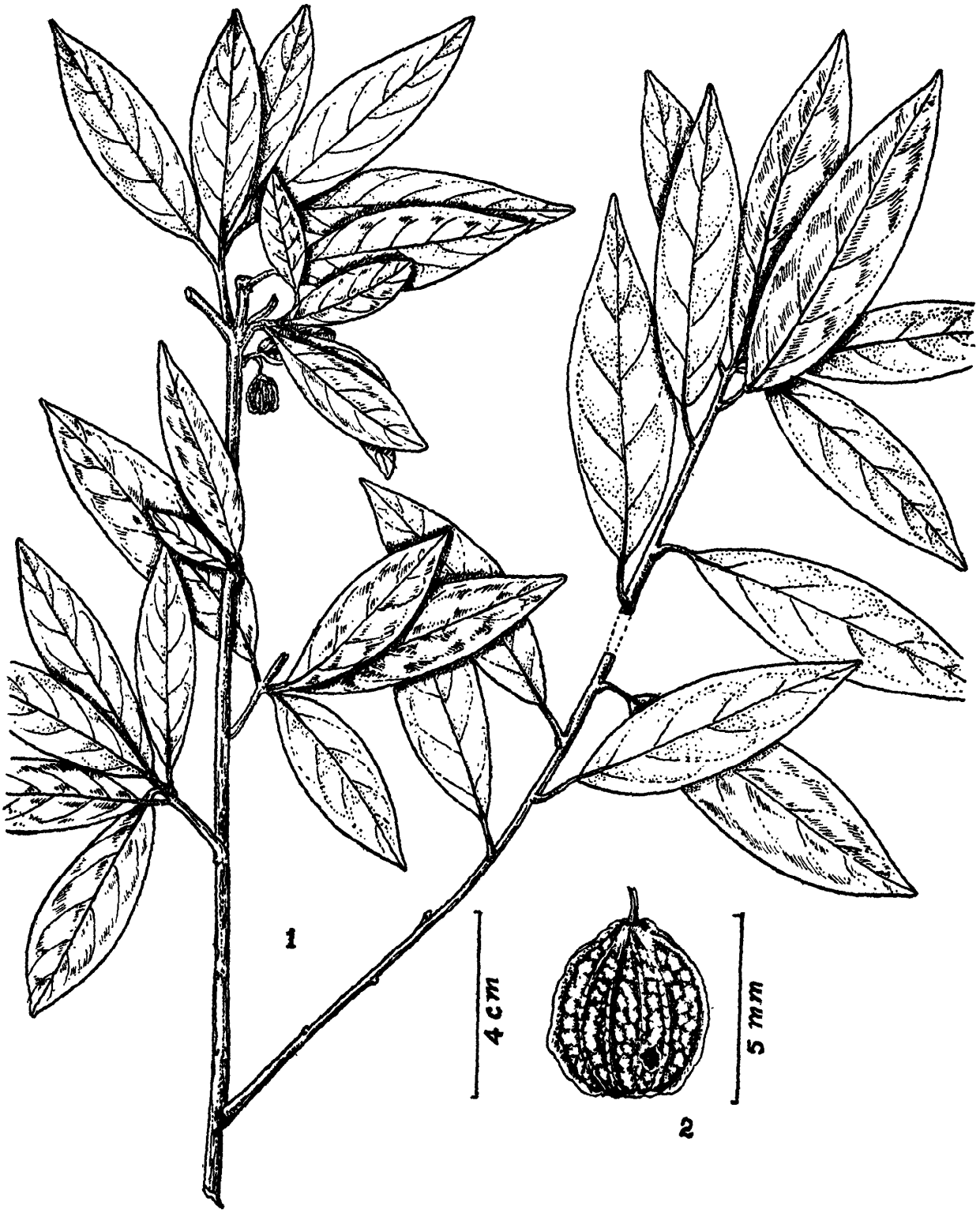
Other specimen examined : Girgaon, Kumaon (1500 m) June 11, 1958, *T. A. Rao* 6619 (BSD).

Distribution : INDIA (Garhwal).

Elaeagnus kanaii Momiyama var. *osmastonii* Malhotra et Basu is named after the collector A. E. Osmaston.

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Figs. 1-2 : 1. Habit. 2. Fruit.