XXII. *Deſcription of the Ribes ſpicatum. By Mr. Edward Robſon, A. L. S.*

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RIBES SPICATUM. Tab. 21.

RIBES inerme, ſpicis erectis, petalis oblongis, bracteis flore brevioribus.

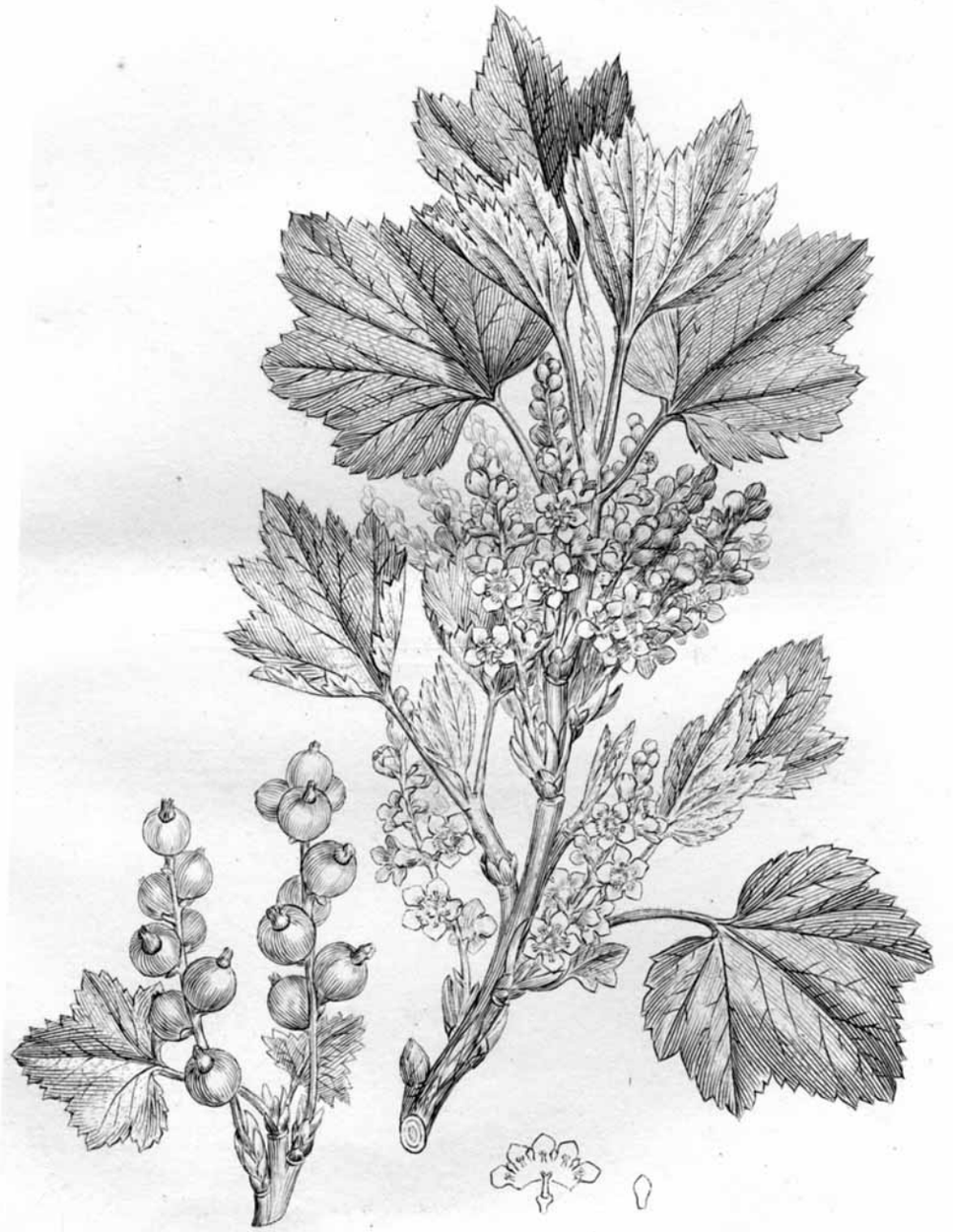
Habitat in ſylvis. Near Richmond in Yorkſhire, and between Pierſbridge and Gainford, in the county of Durham. ♄. v.

DESCRIPT.

Frutex erectus, 4 ſeu 5 pedalis.
Caulis inermis, ramoſiſſimus.
Rami alterni erecti.
Cortex fuſco-cinereus.
Folia alterna, erecto-patentia, petiolata, ſubcordata, triloba quinquelobaque, rugoſa, inæqualiter ſerrata; ſerraturis lobiſque acutis: ſupra ſubglabra, ſubtus tomentoſa, juniora tomentoſiora, inodora.
Petioli ſubteretes, foliorum longitudine.
Spicæ ſolitariæ, laterales numeroſæ, erectæ, bracteatæ, 1—1½ pollicem longæ.

Flores

Linn. Trans. III. tab. 21 p. 240.



Flores numeroſi, ſeſſiles, patentes, 2—3 lineas lati, ad ſummum ſpicæ conferti.

Bractea ſubter florem, germine brevior, ovata, concava, apice reflexa.

Calyx. Perianthium monophyllum, ſemiquinquefidum, laciniis cuneato-ſubrotundis, erecto-patentibus, rubido-fuſcis præter margines ſubvirides.

Corolla. Petala quinque, cuneato-oblonga, erecto-patentia, minuta; calyci inter ſingulas diviſuras inſerta.

Stamina. Filamenta quinque erecta, corollæ longitudine, calyci inſerta, et ejus laciniis oppoſita. *Antheræ* triloculares.

Piſtillum. Germen ſubrotundum, inferum, glabrum.
Stylus bifidus, ſtaminum longitudine.
Stigmata obtuſa.

Pericarpium. Bacca globoſa, laciniis calycis coronata, unilocularis; colore et guſtu R. *rubro* ſimilis.

Semina ſubrotunda (5—10) fibris baccæ affixa.

Obſervationes.

Non attentè ſpectantibus, *ſpicatum* et *rubrum*, dum nondum ſe pandunt, magnam inter ſe ſimilitudinem habere videntur; ſin autem oculis intentis ſcrutentur, patefactum fit, plus illud foliorum prono tomentoſum, ac ſerraturis lobiſque acutum, quam hoc, eſſe —Cum vero floreſcunt, *ſpicatum* a *rubro*, quod illius rubido-fuſci, hujus ſunt flores luteolo-virides, at etiam ejuſdem generis adhuc repertis, quod illud ſpicis erectis ornatum eſt, differt.