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## Taxonomic Appraisal of *Dendropanax morbifera* Leveille and *Dendropanax trifidus* (Thunberg) Makino based on Morphological Characters

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Seven populations of Korean and Japanese *Dendropanax* taxa were sampled from Korea and Japan to investigate 37 quantitative and 17 qualitative characters. The characters of fruits and sap color are not an characters, also other external characters made no distinction between two taxa. The morphology of fruit showed variation from elliptical shape to globular shape. The color of sap secreted from bark by wound changed from milky white to brown. To know significance between the two taxa, discriminant analysis were carried out based on external characters of flowers, leaves and fruits. These characters were not diagnostic because of overlap in reality. All these characters are no longer available for distinguishing these two taxa. It was concluded that there were no differences between *Dendropanax morbifera* Leveille and *Dendropanax trifidus* (Thunberg) Makino.

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