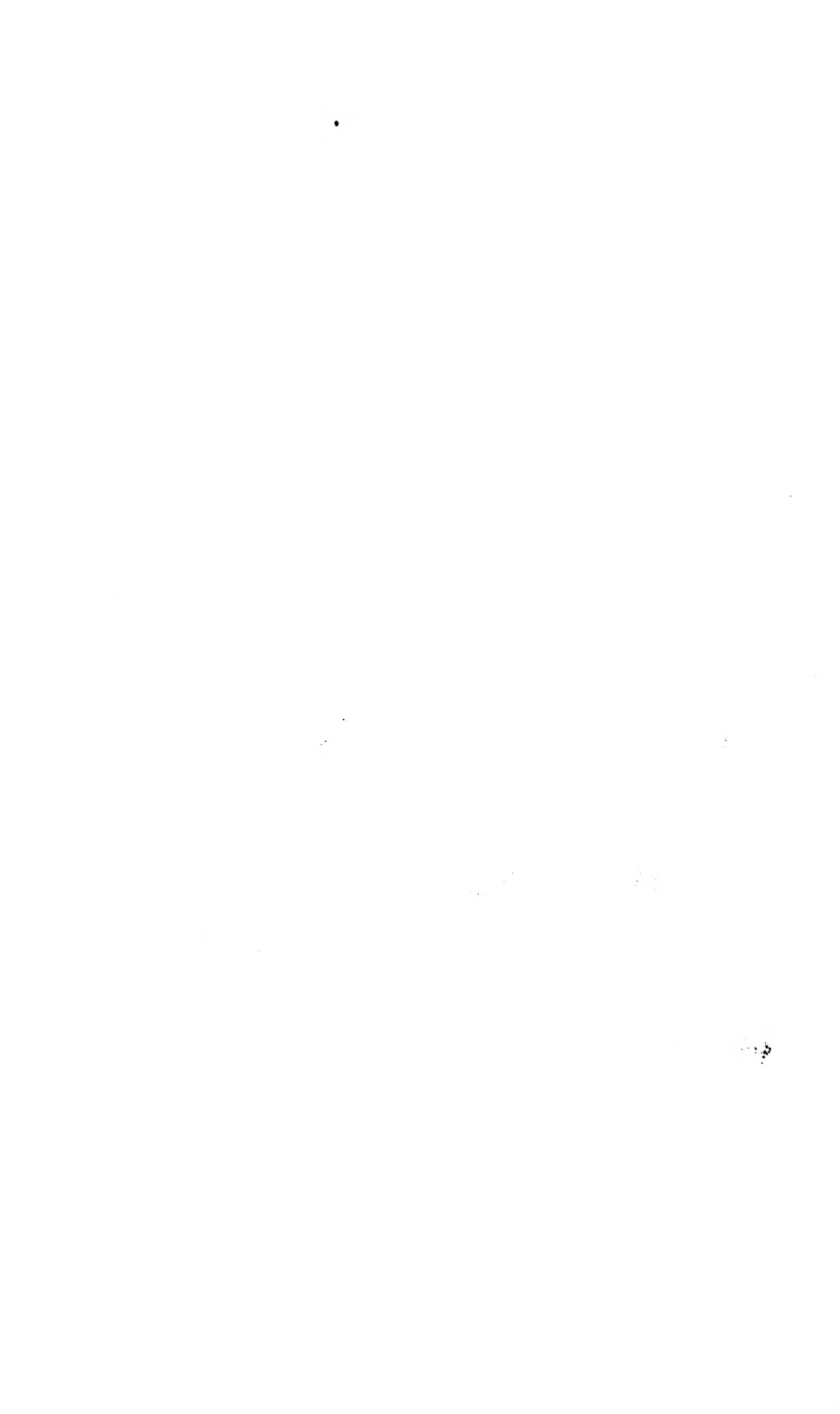


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The Generic Name

Saracha Ruiz & Pavón (Solanaceae)

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In 1794 Ruiz and Pavón established a new genus, *Saracha*. The name was accompanied by a description and a good illustration (fig. 1) both of which match *Saracha punctata* Ruiz & Pavón, the first species described in their later account of the genus in 1799 (fig. 2). This species serves as the type species of the genus. The type species of *Saracha* is not indicated in *Index Nominum Generi-
corum*. Miers (1848) recognized that two genera were included in the *Saracha* of Ruiz and Pavón of 1799. He proposed a new genus, *Poecilochroma*, for one group but, unfortunately, based it on the generic type of *Saracha*, *S. punctata*, and applied *Saracha* to the remaining species. Therefore, the generic name, *Poecilochroma* Miers, was nomenclaturally superfluous when published and consequently illegitimate. In 1857 Miers, App. p. 57, re-established *Saracha* and reduced *Poecilochroma* to synonymy. He proposed nine new combinations at that time. However, he retracted this action with the reinstatement of the original proposal of 1848 in the same publication (Miers, 1857, pp. 148-149). This was at the suggestion of some of his colleagues. This nomenclatural problem was discussed by Macbride (1930, 1962) and Morton (1938). The correct generic name that applies to the plants presently known as *Poecilochroma* is *Saracha*. Recently, I (1973) applied the name *Jaltomata* Schlechtendal to the group of plants that are typified by *Jaltomata edulis* Schlechtendal (= *J. procumbens* (Cav.) J.L.

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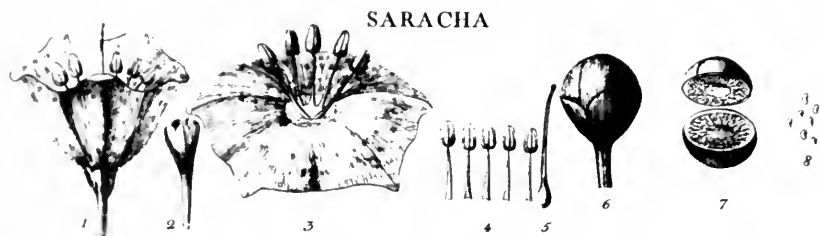


FIG. 1. *Saracha punctata*. Modified plate from *Florae Peruvianae et Chilensis Prodrromus* 31, t. 34. 1794. 1, flower; 2, calyx; 3, expanded corolla with stamens; 4, stamens; 5, pistil; 6, fruit; 7, cross-section of fruit; 8, seeds.

Gentry). These plants had been known as *Saracha* Ruiz & Pavón prior to that time.

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FIG. 2. *Saracha punctata* in *Flora Peruviana et Chilensis* 2: 42, t. 178b. 1799.

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