port from Kolhapur district extends the northward distribution of the species from a precise locality in Maharashtra besides being collected after more than a century.

Occasional shrubs in moist deciduous forests along with Nilgiriantus sp.

**Specimens examined**: Dajipur Bison Sanctuary, Radhanagari 162257.

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**IMPATIENS SCITULA** HOOK. F. — A NEW RECORD FOR INDIA

Hooker (1905) in his epitome of the British Indian species of *Impatiens* L. treated several new Eastern Himalayan species with only a key to them. One of these is *I. scitula* Hook. f. based on a collection from Tibet, Chumbi valley gathered by King’s Collector in 1882. Subsequently, other collections of G. King and B. Safui from Tongloo, Darjeeling, West Bengal are identifiable to this species showing its extension of distribution to India. As Hooker’s key included only the bare outline of this plant, a detailed description with an illustration is now provided.

**Impatiens scitula** Hook. f. in Rec. Bot. Surv. Ind. 4: 14, 18, 1905.

*Herb*, succulent, somewhat swollen at the nodes, glabrous. *Leaves* elliptic to ovate-lanceolate, 2-3 × 1.0-1.5 cm, acute, crenate, with bristles in the notches; secondary veins 3-4 pairs with faint reticulations, whitish beneath; petiole slender, 2-9 mm long. *Inflorescence* a raceme; peduncles both axillary and subterminal, slender, 1.0-1.7 cm long, simple or 2-pedicelled; pedicels filiform, 0.8-1.5 cm long, bracteate; bracts 1 or 2, ca 2.0 × 1.5 mm. *Flowers* 3.0-3.5 cm long. *Sepals* 4, the outer sepals ovate to ovate-lanceolate, 4-5 × 2-3 mm, acuminate, entire with a slightly cordate base, the posterior one saccate, suddenly narrowed into the incurved spur. *Petals* 5: standard ovate, 5-8 × ca 5 mm, acute, entire; base cordate; wings with broad lateral lobes, 2.5-3.0 cm long, distal lobe lopoliform with cordate base. *Stamens* 5: filaments dilated, 4-5 mm long. *Carpels* 5; ovary linear-oblong, on a cup-like disc at the base; style absent; stigma 5-lobed. *Capsule* (immature) linear, 1.0-1.7 cm long. *Seeds* many. (Figs. 1-8).

**Distribution**: Tibet (Chumbi); India (West Bengal-Tongloo).

**Flowering and fruiting**: September to October.

**Specimens examined**: Tibet: Tibet, 1882, King’s Collector s. n. (3 gatherings). India: West Bengal, Tongloo, 3300 m, 11-10,1876, G. King 3076; Tongloo North, 3071 m, 11-9-1962, B. Safui 1604 (2 gatherings) [CAL].

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