

at the base, of two cells, bursting inward. *Germen* inferior, minute, roundish, downy. *Style* thickened and most downy at the base; slender, tubular, with ten furrows, slightly downy, in the upper part; erect, the length of the corolla. *Stigma* thickish, with five obsolete angles. *Pericarp* an obovate berry, crowned with the calyx and nectary, juicy, softly downy, of five cells. *Seeds* numerous, minute.

The fruit never bursts. Its cells are five distinct cartilaginous tubes, scarcely one third of a line in diameter, combined lengthwise, and not easily separable, occupying the centre of the berry. This fruit is not ripe till after June. I have rarely seen it, having always met with the tree in full bloom. Children eat the ripe berries as Mulberries; hence this is called the *Morito*, or Mulberry-tree, because of an imaginary but mistaken idea of the fruit.

This plant grows plentifully in the province of Giron, near the town of the same name, towards Canta, in a very hot climate, where the thermometer of Fahrenheit is at 87. The flower not only loses occasionally a fifth in each part of fructification, but sometimes adds a sixth, as I have remarked in another species found near Pampilona.

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[*Note.* Specimens of this plant do not occur among the communications of Mutis to Linnæus. If not an *Hamellia*, it constitutes perhaps a new genus in the ninth section of Jussieu's *Rubiaceæ*. The alleged resemblance to a Mulberry, though