

# CAYMAN ISLANDS NATIVE VINES

## Duppy Pumpkin

*Cionosicyos pomiformis* Griseb. (not *C. exicisus*)

Family: CUCURBITACEAE

Grand Cayman & Jamaica (where it was previously thought to be endemic).



Ann Stafford

First record for the Cayman Islands found by Dr. George R. Proctor on 19 Nov. 1991 on the Canaan Land Road. A specimen of a Cayman plant was collected by W. Kings on 10 July 1938, but apparently was never identified. It was also found on 13 Nov. 2002 in the primary growth **Ironwood Forest** behind the University College of the Cayman Islands (then called the Community College, (dried fruit, no leaves).

More plants were found in same forest, one near the swamp on the Swamp Trail on **16 July 2003**. The ripe fruits look like **oranges**, high up in the canopy, no leaves. As the fruits ripen, the leaves turn yellow, then brown, before they fall off.

**Leaves:** palmately lobed, pointed tips.

Tiny point, extension of vein beyond the leaf margin.

**Flowers:** greenish-white or cream, monoecious - separate male & female flowers on the same plant.



Damien DaCosta finds, & gets, specimen of vine with leaves & unripe green fruits.

Ann & Lois  
Swamp Trail,  
22 Feb. 2004



**L. Stem:** base, striate grooved, Feb. 2004. No leaves until high in the canopy.

**R. Ripe fruits,** stout fruit stalk, on forest floor, July 2003 from which 2 plants were grown. Above, centre - Ann's, 3-lobed. above right. - Carla's, 5-lobed, on chain-link fence.

