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# An update checklist and distribution of *Psychotria* L. (Rubiaceae) in Thailand and Lao PDR

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## Résumé

The genus *Psychotria* L. (Rubiaceae) is probably the world's largest predominately woody genus (Davis et al., 2001), with perhaps around 2,000 species (Sohmer, 1998). It has a pantropical distribution and often found in tropical forest. Recently, 42 species and 11 species were recorded in Thailand and Lao PDR, respectively. Two species are newly recorded including *P. tonkinensis* Pit. which is newly recorded for Thailand and Lao PDR and *P. calocarpa* Kurz is a new record for Thailand. Seven species are found both in Thailand and Lao PDR viz. *P. adenophylla* Wall., *P. asiatica* L., *P. prainii* H. Lév., *P. pseudoixora* Pit., *P. sarmentosa* Blume, *P. serpens* L. and *P. tonkinensis*. Eighteen species, namely *P. aganosmifolia* Craib, *P. ardisioides* Craib, *P. brunescens* Craib, *P. chartacea* Craib, *P. elipsoidea* Craib, *P. fuscenscens* Craib, *P. induta* Craib, *P. kerii* Govaerts, *P. krossii* Craib, *P. kratensis* Craib, *P. lineolata* Craib, *P. lutescens* Craib, *P. plana* Craib, *P. rutila* Craib, *P. sempervirens* Geddes, *P. smithiae* Geddes, *P. thailandensis* Ruhsam and *P. winitii* Craib, are regarded as endemic to Thailand, while *P. thorelii* Pit. is considered endemic in Lao PDR.

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