SHRUB WOODLAND VEGETATION on the slopes of the '4-GEBROEDERS MOUNTAINS'

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Humiria balsamifera with botanical assistant John Tawjoeran

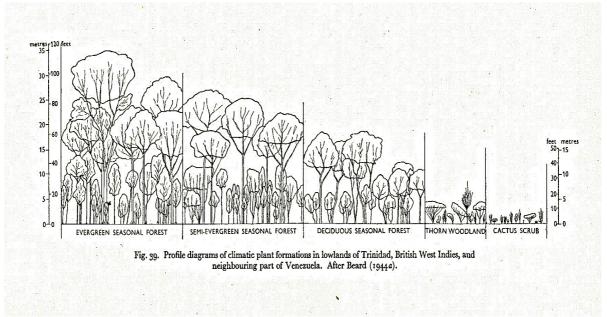
This type of vegetation also occurs on the 'Threshold', a ridge of somewhat higher hills south of '4-Gebroeders', which blocks the view towards the Southern part of the Sipaliwini savanna..

The spatial distribution of the SHRUB WOODLAND vegetation can be seen in our TRANSECT chapter (elsewhere on this site). It is prominently present in Transect B, represented by legend nr. 2 + 3.

In essence it is a low and rather open type of **forest**. For that reason it has not been incorporated in our TABLES (see VEGETATION) with their focus on the continuum of typical **grassland** communities.

It is an even more xerophytic and deciduous type of forest, lower structured as well, than that bordering the great savanna to the West (provisionally classified as Semi-evergreen Seasonal Forest).

Apart from the herb layer our SHRUB WOODLAND may be classified as a Deciduous Seasonal Forest, Type III according to Beard (1944 b) and shown in a profile diagram in 'The Tropical Rain Forest' by Richards (1964).



The TREELET VEGETATION on the 'toes' of the' 4-Gebroeders' mountains, grading into the savanna proper has been described and analysed by using a **forestry line count method,** bypassing our usual Braun-Blanquet, phytosociological method. The complete data and further analysis will be published on this site at a later stage. For the time being we like to characterise this distinct type of vegetation as Formation type V. Please see' Oldenburger, Norde and Riezebos (1973): Ecological Investigations on the Vegetation of the Sipaliwini Savanna Area', tab Vegetation.



Himatanthus articulatus

A list of plant species is added.

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V SHRUB-WOODLAND FORMATION ON "INSELBERG" SLOPES

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Anacard.
     Astron ium lecointei Ducke
      Tapirira guianensis Aubl. var. cuneata Engl.
 Annon.
     Annona sericea Dun.
     Xylopia frutescens Aubl.
 Apoc.
      Himatanthus articulatus (Vahl) Woods
,, bracteatus (A.D.C.) R.E. Woodson
Mandevilla scabra (R. et S.) K. Schum.
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                             var. intermedia Müll. Arg.
 Asclep.
     Blepharodon nitidus (Vell.) Mcbr.
     Jacaranda obtusifolia H. et B.
var. rhombifolia (G.F.W. Mey.) Sandw.
Dill.
     Davilla aspera (Aubl.) R. Ben.
,, rugosa Poir.
Doliocarpus calinea J.F. Gmel.
,, guianensis (Aubl.) Gilg.
Erythrox.
     Erythroxylum sp. ON 314
Euph. Pera nitida (benth.) Jabl.
     Raddiella nana (Doell.) Swallen
Gutt.
Vismia latifolia (Aubl.) Choisy
Hum.
     Humiria balsamifera (Aubl.) St. Hil. var. balsamifera
                               ,, ,, ,, var. floribunda (Mart.) Cuatr.
     Sacoglottis guianensis Benth.
                                 ,, var. guianensis
              , ,
Malp.
     Byrsonima coriacea (Schwartz) Kunth
                           var. spicata (Cav.) Ndz.
     Camarea affinis St. Hil.
Melast.
     Miconia ciliata DC.
              sp. ON 296
Mimos.
     Anadenanthera peregrina (L.) Speg. var. peregrina
     Piptadenis sp. ON 330=454
Myrsin.

Rapanea guianensis Aubl.
     Myrcia bracteata (Rich.) DC.
     sp. ind. ON 818
Papil.
    Andira surinamensis (Bondt) Splitg. ex Palle Cassia faginoides Vog.
     Crotalaria maypurensis H.B.H.
     Lonchocarpus floribundus Benth.
     Stylosanthes guianensis (Aubl.) Sw. var. gracilis (H.B.H.) Vog.
Prot. Roupala montana Aubl.
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Ros.

Hirtella racemosa Jam. var. hexandra (Willd. ex R. et S.) Prance

,, glandulosa Sprengel Rub. Alibertia edulis (L.C. Rich.) A. Rich. ex DC.
,, myrcifolia (Spruce ex H. Sch.) H. Sch.
var. myrcifolia Genipa caruto H.B.II. Guettarda viburnoides Cham et Schl. cf. fo. pannosa Mull. Arg.
Malanea sarmentosa Aubl. cf. fo. tomentosa Steyerm.
Mapouria borjensis (H.B.K.) Mull. Arg. Psychotria bracteata DC. Thieleodoxa nitidula Brem. Tocoyena surinamensis Brem. Uncaria guianensis (Aubl.) Gmel. Rut.
Fagara rhoifolia (Lam.) Engl. Simarouba amara Aubl. Symploc.

Symplocos guianensis (Aubl.) Gürke var. guianensis

,, aff. guianensis (Aubl.) Gürke ON 937

,, sp. ON 220 Ternstroemia dentata (Aubl.) Sw. Aegiphyla lhotzkiana Cham.
Amazonia campestris (Aubl.) Moldenke
Vitex cf. polygama Cham. var. bakeri Moldenke
ON 313, 323, 360 Hymenoph.
Trichomanes primatum Hedw. Polypod. Polypodium percussum Cav. Anemia pallida Gardn.



Simarouba amara