

Cyphostemma annamalaii

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Recently, two Botany students from Annamalai University in Chidambaram and their guide have discovered a new plant species in the grape family and named Cyphostemma annamalaii.

About Cyphostemma annamalaii

- It is a new plant species of Vitaceae Juss, commonly **known as the grape family**.
- It was found in the **southern Eastern Ghats of Tamil Nadu**,
- It is described and illustrated from the tropical dry forests of southern Eastern Ghats.
- **Properties of Cyphostemma annamalaii**
 - It **is a climber** with a round fruit that is yellow.
 - The petals of the flowers are white or yellow. It starts with three leaves and ends with three leaves.
 - **Habitat:** It is found in **open, scrubby vegetation**.
 - It had a **tuberous root** and climbed by utilising surrounding vegetation for support.

What is Cyphostemma Genus?

- It is the **second largest genus**, consisting of nearly **250 species**.
- It is found in **tropical and subtropical regions**.

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