

Malagasy journey (Part 2)

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Fig. 1: *Euphorbia sakarahaensis* is restricted to the remnants of undisturbed primary forests where it grows up to 50 cm high in the shade of trees.

Between Toliara and Ranohira

At the foot of Table Mountain, *Euphorbia kondoi* Rauh & Razaf. is difficult to find because it forms a small bush covered with thorns with no sheet. The rain has not yet arrived on Toliara (better known under its former name of Tulear) and only few orange flowers helps distinguish among the thorny bush. (Photo 16, 17, 18).

Further down the road, near Mahaboboka, our eyes were attracted to flowering *Pachypodium*. But while exploring the other side of the N7, we discovered *Euphorbia sakarahaensis* Rauh in a remnant of primary forest. (Photo 19,20)

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Euphorbia kondoi grows on limestone in dry woodland; its cyathophylls envelope the cyathia. They are about 5 mm long, lemon yellow, with green base and red apex, sometimes also entirely red.

