

Lepidaploa remotiflora



Common Name: Vernonia

Scientific Name: *Lepidaploa remotiflora*

Family: Asteraceae

Lepidaploa is a genus of flowering plants in the sunflower family, native to tropical parts of the Western Hemisphere. *Vernonia remotiflora* is an inactive taxon and is, therefore, a synonym of *Lepidaploa remotiflora*. It is endemic to South America, from a relatively large genus of 116 species from Latin America and the West Indies. Although the tribe Vernonieae exhibits a high degree of variability, the tribe is generally known for its alternate leaves, discoid heads with violet flowers.

Economic Importance: In Guyana, *Vernonia remotiflora* (or *Lepidaploa remotiflora*) is often boiled with other medicinal plants, or mixed with various barks, to yield a tea for remedying male impotence. In French Guiana, the Wayapi use the stems and leaves along with other herbs to make a febrifuge decoction. Some species of *Lepidaploa* are edible and of economic value.