

50689 and 50690.

From Kisantu, Belgian Kongo. Seeds presented by Father H. Vanderyst.
Received July 29, 1920.

50689. *CHAETOCLOA* sp. Poaceæ. **Grass.**

Numbered for convenience in testing by the Office of Forage-Crop Investigations.

50690. *CHAETOCLOA LUTESCENS* (Weigel) Stuntz. Poaceæ. **Grass.**

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50691 and 50692.

From San Jose, Costa Rica. Collected by Wilson Popenoe, Agricultural Explorer of the United States Department of Agriculture. Received June 15, 1920. Quoted notes by Mr. Popenoe.

50691. *RUBUS GLAUCUS* Benth. Rosaceæ. **Andes berry.**

"(No. 378a. Seed from Rancho Redondo, near San Jose. May 27, 1920. Herb. No. 988.) *Mora de Castilla*. This is either the same species sent from northern Guatemala under the name of *tokan-uuk*, or one of very similar character. The plant resembles the *tokan-uuk* very closely, and the fruit is of the same size and form but lighter in color, being of a light-red shade. It has a delicious aroma, suggesting strawberries. The fruit is oblong or somewhat ovate, up to an inch in length, very plump, soft and juicy when ripe. Several species of *Rubus* are given the common name *mora de Castilla*: this is used to indicate, in fact, any *Rubus* that produces good fruits of blackberry or raspberry character."

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 49387.

50692. (Undetermined.)

"(No. 375a. May 27, 1920.) *Fruta de pava*. Plants presented by Carlos Wercklé, of El Coyolar, Costa Rica. A large tree native to this region. Mr. Wercklé believes it is a new species, perhaps representing a genus not yet described botanically. The fruit is about an inch long, shining black, with dark-purple flesh inclosing a single elongated stone. The flavor is agreeable, not sour but sometimes astringent. The young fruits are yellow, later turning red, then black. It is from the lowlands and likely to succeed in the United States only in southern Florida."

50693. *HIBISCUS BRACKENRIDGEI* A. Gray. Malvaceæ.

From Honolulu, Hawaii. Seed presented by J. F. Rock. Received June 30, 1920.

"A striking and well-marked rather rare species with a shrubby erect stem, 4 to 5 feet high, stiff spreading branches, and rather stout, very leafy flowering stalks. It is worthy of cultivation on account of its showy yellow flowers. The smooth, bright-green leaves on long petioles are rounded in outline, $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 inches in diameter and 5 to 7-lobed, somewhat resembling those of the common grapevine. The spreading yellow corolla is about 6 inches across. Found in the scrub vegetation of the leeward side of Oahu, East and West Maui, and Lanai." (Rock.)

A wild shrub of this species and a single flower are shown in Plates I and II.