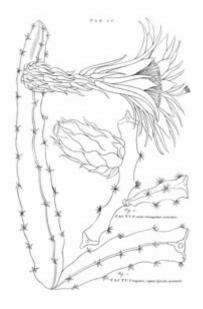
## Johannes Burmann (1707-1799) & Charles Plumier



## **Plantarum Americanarum**

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At the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Charles Plumier made a lot of observations in the West Indies, and they were collected in drawings and hand-written descriptions (see: Charles Plumier; in French). Some were published (*Description des plantes de l'Amérique*, *Nova Plantarum Americanarum Genera*) by Plumier himself, but many remained unpublished as the *Botanicum Americanum* at the *Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle de Paris*. Reproductions of the original texts and drawings concerning Cacti were recently made available by Roy Mottram in Bradleya 20, 2002, pp. 79-120.<sup>1)</sup> However, in the middle of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, Johannes Burmann, a dutch physicist and botanist, obtained a copy of the drawings and decided to publish reproductions accompanied by his own descriptions. The files below gather together the pages and plates devoted to Bromelia, Tillandsia and Cactus. The B&W plates have not the quality of the original colored drawings by Plumier, and the descriptions (in Latin!) are sometimes doubtful. However, this is a historical document.

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Another set of plates were published in Bradleya 2, 1984, pp. 39-64; it is based on Burmann's "origianl copy" that he used to produce his *Plantarum americanarum*.

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