

Short Communication

Centaurea kabirkuhensis, a new name for *Centaurea procera* MOZAFF. (Asteraceae)

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Centaurea L. is a member of the sunflower family (Asteraceae). It is a large genus with nearly 600 species in the world (MABBERLEY 2008); and nearly 100 species in Iran (DITTRICH et al. 1979). During the authors' investigations on Iranian Asteraceae, it has been realized that *Centaurea procera* MOZAFF. is a younger homonym and therefore needs a new name.

Centaurea procera has been published in 1846 by Gustav Heynhold: *Centaurea procera* (FISCH. & AVÉ-LALL.) HEYNH., *Alph. Aufz. Gew.*: 131 (1846). Recently the same epithet was used for a different species of this genus: *Centaurea procera* MOZAFF. (2010). According to the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature (McNEILL et al. 2006), this taxon is invalid and needs to be renamed.

***Centaurea kabirkuhensis* MOZAFF., F. GHAHREM. & FEREID., nom.n.**

≡ *Centaurea procera* MOZAFF., *Iranian J. Bot.* 16 (2): 204 (2010).

Type: Ilam, Abdana, Dinar Kuh [South of Kabirkuh], 1030 m, N 32°57'34", E 47°22'20"; 06.05.2009, V.Mozaffarian 93165 [holo: TARI!].

The holotype is collected from Kabirkuh area, thus the epithet “*kabirkuhensis*” is chosen for this species. “Kabirkuh” is a Persian name and it means “Large [kabir] Mountain [kuh]”

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