

Three new nomenclatural combinations in the Crimean flora

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Summary: New combinations are validated: *Jacobaea erucifolia* subsp. *grandidentata* (Ledeb.) V.V. Fateryga & Fateryga, comb. nov. (Asteraceae), *Bituminaria bituminosa* subsp. *pontica* (A.P. Khokhr.) V.V. Fateryga & Fateryga, comb. nov. (Fabaceae) and *Phlomis herba-venti* subsp. *taurica* (Hartwiss ex Bunge) V.V. Fateryga & Fateryga, comb. & stat. nov. (Lamiaceae).

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The Crimean Peninsula is one of the floristically most studied regions in Eastern Europe. However, several new records of vascular plants are made there every year. While the latest published calculation of the Crimean flora was 2573 species and subspecies (YENA 2018), at least 17 species were added and at least three species were excluded after that (FATERYGA & FATERYGA 2018, 2019; KECHAYKIN et al. 2018, 2020; RAAB-STRAUBE & RAUS 2019a, 2019b, 2020, 2021; FATERYGA et al. 2020). Besides the new records, several taxonomic and nomenclatural problems appear in the floristic studies, particularly within the subspecies rank (e.g. FATERYGA & FATERYGA 2019). In the present contribution, we validate three new combinations which are required for an updated list of the Crimean flora.

Asteraceae

Jacobaea erucifolia subsp. *grandidentata* (Ledeb.) V.V. Fateryga & Fateryga, comb. nov. ≡ *Senecio grandidentatus* Ledeb. 1845, Fl. Ross. (Ledeb.) 2: 636. ≡ *S. erucifolius* subsp. *grandidentatus* (Ledeb.) V.E. Avet. 1971, Biol. Zhurn. Armenii 24(11): 44, nom. inval. [Art. 41.5 of ICN (TURLAND et al. 2018)]. ≡ *Jacobaea grandidentata* Vasjukov in Raab-Straube & Raus, 2015, Willdenowia 45(3): 452.

Type. “in provinciis caucasicis [in insula Sara m. Caspii! (Kieseritzky pl. exs.)]” [Azerbaijan]. Holotype in LE (according to VASJUKOV 2015).

= *Senecio arenarius* M. Bieb. in Besser, 1822, Enum. Pl. [Besser]: 33, nom. inval. [Art. 36.1 of ICN (TURLAND et al. 2018)]. ≡ *S. arenarius* M. Bieb. ex Besser, 1823, Mém. Soc. Imp. Naturalistes Moscou 6: 212, nom. illeg. (homonym of *S. arenarius* Thunb. 1800, Prodr. Pl. Cap. 2: 158) [Art. 53.1 of ICN (TURLAND et al. 2018)]. ≡ *S. erucifolius* var. *arenarius* Schmalh. 1886, Fl. Yugo-Zapad. Rossii: 308. ≡ *S. erucifolius* subsp. *arenarius* Soó, 1969, Acta Bot. Acad. Sci. Hung. 15: 346, nom. inval. [Art. 41.5 of ICN (TURLAND et al. 2018)]. ≡ *Jacobaea arenaria* E. Wiebe, 2000, Turczaninowia, 3(4): 62, nom. inval. [Art. 41.5 of ICN (TURLAND et al. 2018)]. ≡ *J. erucifolia* subsp. *arenaria* B. Nord. & Greuter in Greuter & Raab-Straube, 2006, Willdenowia, 36(2): 712, nom. inval. [Art. 41.5 of ICN (TURLAND et al. 2018)].

Described from Ukraine (“Podoliae” according to BESSER 1823). Location of the type material is apparently unknown.

Remarks. This taxon merits the subspecies rank (CHATER & WALTERS 1976; GREUTER 2006+) and it is also considered a subspecies of *Jacobaea erucifolia* (L.) G. Gaertn., B. Mey. & Scherb. in the latest list of the Crimean flora (YENA 2012, as *J. erucifolia* subsp. *arenaria*, nom. inval.). Any valid combination of this subspecies in the genus *Jacobaea* Mill. has not been hitherto published (VASJUKOV 2015; MOSYAKIN 2018). *Jacobaea erucifolia* subsp. *grandidentata* differs from *J. erucifolia* subsp. *erucifolia* by tomentosely pubescent and less deeply dissected leaves.

Fabaceae

Bituminaria bituminosa* subsp. *pontica (A.P. Khokhr.) V.V. Fateryga & Fateryga, comb. nov. ≡ *Psoralea pontica* A.P. Khokhr. 1997, Byull. Glavn. Bot. Sada (Moscow) 175: 52. ≡ *P. bituminosa* subsp. *pontica* (A.P. Khokhr.) Zernov, 2000, Rast. Severo-Zapad. Zakavkaz'ya (Pl. Transcaucas. Bor.-Occ.): 70.

Type. “Grusinskaja SSR, Svanetia inferiora, vicinia urbis Zugdidi, fodina calcare, 4.VIII.1994. E.E. Gogina” [Georgia]. Holotype and isotypes in MHA (according to the protologue).

Remarks. Some authors split *Bituminaria bituminosa* (L.) C.H. Stirt. into up to 10 different species (e.g. BOGDANOVIĆ et al. 2020). On the other hand, a recent phylogeographic study (GARCÍA-VERDUGO et al. 2021) suggests treating all of them as rather a single species. Plants known from the Caucasus and the Crimea are different enough to recognize them as a separate subspecies but not as a species. A nomenclatural combination of this subspecies in the genus *Bituminaria* Heist. ex Fabr. has not been hitherto published. *Bituminaria palaestina* (Bassi) Brullo, C. Brullo, Miniss., Salmeri & Giusso, known from Levant and recently recognized as a full species (BRULLO et al. 2016), is possibly conspecific with *B. bituminosa* subsp. *pontica* (ZERNOV 2006), but this supposed synonymy needs further confirmation. Both *B. bituminosa* subsp. *pontica* and *B. palaestina* differ from *B. bituminosa* subsp. *bituminosa* by the upper cauline leaves which are of the same shape as the lower ones, i.e. they have ovate leaflets (versus ovate leaflets in the lower leaves and linear leaflets in the upper ones in *B. bituminosa* subsp. *bituminosa*).

Lamiaceae

Phlomis herba-venti* subsp. *taurica (Hartwiss ex Bunge) V.V. Fateryga & Fateryga, comb. & stat. nov. ≡ *Phlomis taurica* Hartwiss ex Bunge, 1873, Mém. Acad. Imp. Sci. St.-Pétersbourg, Sér. 7. 21: 77, in obs.

Described from the Crimea (“taurica”). The type material is probably lost (KRYTSKA 2013).

Remarks. This taxon was not accepted in the latest list of the Crimean flora, but treated there as a synonym of *Phlomis herba-venti* subsp. *pungens* (Willd.) Maire ex DeFilipps (YENA 2012). On the other hand, differences between these two taxa are clear enough to recognize them even as two different species, although with some intermediate forms (ZEFIROV 1966). They are apparently distributed in the Crimea allopatrically (*P. herba-venti* subsp. *pungens* mostly in the plain part, *P. herba-venti* subsp. *taurica* in the mountains) and therefore can be considered as subspecies sensu MAYR (1974). *Phlomis majkopensis* (Novopokr.) Grossh. described from the North Caucasus is sometimes treated as a synonym of *P. herba-venti* subsp. *taurica* (ZERNOV 2006), but this synonymy needs further verification. *Phlomis herba-venti* subsp. *taurica* can be distinguished from *P. herba-venti* subsp. *pungens* mainly by broader leaves and the calyx which is widened towards the opening (versus rather tubular in *P. herba-venti* subsp. *pungens*).

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