

NOTES

LEDUM IN THE NEW JEPSON MANUAL AND A NEW COMBINATION FOR *LEDUM* IN *RHODODENDRON* (ERICACEAE).—Gary D. Wallace, Botany Section, Natural History Museum, 900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90007.

Kron and Judd (Systematic Botany 15:57–68, 1990) presented a cladistic analysis of the tribe Rhodoreae D. Don (Ericaceae). The Rhodoreae, Cladothamneae H. Copel., Epigaeae Britton & Brown and Phyllodoceae Drude in Engl. & Prantl comprise the bulk of the Rhododendroideae Endl. recognized by Stevens (Journal of the Linnean Society, Botany 64:1–53, 1971; Dissertation, Univ. of Edinburgh 1969) and Wallace (Botaniska Notiser 128:286–298, 1975). Kron and Judd (1990) found that by excluding *Therorhodon* (Maxim.) Small and including *Ledum* L., *Rhododendron* L. “is likely monophyletic”. *Ledum* was reduced to a subsection of *Rhododendron* and two combinations were proposed, *Rhododendron palustre* (L.) Kron & Judd and *Rhododendron groenlandicum* (Oeder) Kron & Judd.

Harmaja (Annales Botanici Fennici 27:203–204, 1990) proposed *Rhododendron tomentosum* (Stokes) Harmaja to include *Ledum palustre* L. because the name *Rhododendron palustre* Turcz. ex DC. had already been used. Harmaja proposed the new name *Rhododendron neoglandulosum* Harmaja to accommodate *Ledum glandulosum* Nutt. The combination *Rhododendron glandulosum* (Standley) Millais made earlier, referred to another species.

For the new Jepson Manual of the Flowering Plants of California only one *Ledum* has been recognized. It seems best for clarity and so as not to perpetuate an older name to refer all of the material of this wide ranging species to *Rhododendron neoglandulosum* Harmaja.

Harmaja (1990) also proposed a new name, *Rhododendron subarcticum* Harmaja for the prostrate arctic plant previously known as *Ledum palustre* L. ssp. *decumbens* (Aiton) Hultén. This seems better accommodated, as in the past, as a subspecies. Therefore the following combination is proposed.

Rhododendron tomentosum (Stokes) Harmaja ssp. *subarcticum* (Harmaja) G. Wallace comb. et stat. nov.

Basionym: *Rhododendron subarcticum* Harmaja, Annales Botanici Fennici 27:203, 1990. Synonymy: *Ledum palustre* L. var. *decumbens* Aiton, Hortus Kewensis 2:65, 1789; *Ledum decumbens* (Aiton) Lodd. ex Steudel, Nomenclator botanicus (ed.2) 2:20, 1840 (*non decumbens* D. Don ex G. Don, A General History of the Dichlamydeous Plants 3:846, 1834); *Ledum palustre* L. ssp. *decumbens* (Aiton) Hultén, Kongl. Svenska Vetenskapsakademiens Handlingar, Ser.3 8(2):8, 1930).

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A NOMENCLATORIAL CHANGE IN *SYMPHORICARPOS* (CAPRIFOLIACEAE).—Lauramay T. Dempster, Jepson Herbarium, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720.

In the course of revising Caprifoliaceae for the forthcoming revision of Jepson's Manual of the Flowering Plants of California, the following taxonomic problem was identified. Consequently a new name is proposed.



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