

A NEW COMBINATION IN NORTH AMERICAN *LATHYRUS*

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A proposal (#1396) by Reveal (1999) to conserve *Lathyrus polymorphus* Nutt. was not recommended by the nomenclature review committee (Brummitt 2000; McNeil et al. 2006) leaving *L. decaphyllus* Pursh to stand as the name for the native *Lathyrus* of the central Great Plains. *Lathyrus decaphyllus* ranges from northern Texas north to southwestern South Dakota, west to eastern New Mexico and Colorado and east to eastern Oklahoma, Kansas, and Nebraska. It is found in two forms: glabrous - which is most common in the eastern part of the range - and villous-pubescent, which is more often found in the west-southwest part of the range. Hitchcock (1952) made a nomenclatural distinction between these two populations. I believe this distinction is appropriate and propose the following combination for the pubescent form of the species:

Lathyrus decaphyllus* var. *incanus* (J. G. Smith & P. A. Rydberg) S. L. Broich, **comb.nov.*

Lathyrus ornatus var. *incanus* J. G. Smith & P. A. Rydberg Fl. Neb., Rosales 64. 1895. *L. incanus* (Smith & Rydberg) Rydb., Bull. Torrey Bot. Club 33:144. 1906. *Lathyrus stipulacea* var. *incanus* (Smith & Rydb.) Butters & St. John Rhodora 19:163. 1917. *Lathyrus polymorphus* ssp. *incanus* (Smith & Ryd.) C. L. Hitchcock Univ. Wash. Publ. Biol. 15:35. 1952.

TYPE: Nebraska: Sheridan County, *Smith & Pound*, 49, 1892. (NEB 177806).

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