

**EUCROSIA STRICKLANDII (BAKER) MEEROW (AMARYLLIDACEAE),**  
**A PRIOR EPITHET FOR E. BRACHYANDRA MEEROW & DEHGAN.**

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Meerow and Dehgan (1985) transferred Leperiza eucrosioides Baker into Eucrosia Ker-Gawler as E. brachyandra Meerow & Dehgan. A new epithet was necessary as the name eucrosioides was preoccupied in Eucrosia by E. eucrosioides (Herbert) Pax. While Stricklandia eucrosioides Baker was included as a synonym of E. brachyandra, Stenomesson stricklandii Baker, ostensibly yet another name for the same plant, was not, following Ravenna (1978), who considered the latter synonymous with Stenomesson aurantiacum (H.B.K.) Herbert after he examined a putative phototype received from Kew. Since publication of E. brachyandra, I have received type material of both Leperiza eucrosioides and Stenomesson stricklandii from Kew. After examination of these specimens, it became clear that Stenomesson stricklandii is indeed synonymous with E. brachyandra. While the specimen of which Ravenna apparently examined a photo does contain flowers of Stenomesson aurantiacum within a fragment packet, the flower scapes are clearly referable to E. brachyandra. Moreover, it is another specimen entirely which seems to be the proper type specimen for Stenomesson stricklandii. This leads to yet another chapter in the unfortunate nomenclatural history of this plant, as the prior epithet stricklandii must now be applied to E. brachyandra. Formal combination is proposed below, and full synonymy given for E. stricklandii. A complete description and illustration may be found in Meerow and Dehgan (1985).

**Eucrosia stricklandii (Baker) Meerow, comb. nov.**

Stenomesson stricklandii Baker, Gard. Chron. 11: 102. 1882.  
TYPE: ex hort Strickland s.n. (holotype, K!).

Leperiza eucrosioides Baker, Gard. Chron. 10: 170. 1878; non Eucrosia eucrosioides (Herbert) Pax. Phaedranassa eucrosioides (Baker) Benth & Hooker, Genera Plantarum 2: 773. 1883.  
Stricklandia eucrosioides (Baker) Baker, Handbook of the Amaryllideae 105. 1888. TYPE: ex hort s.n. (holotype, K!)

Eucrosia brachyandra Meerow & Dehgan, Brittonia 37: 74-55.  
1985.



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## BOOK REVIEWS

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"BOTANICAL LATIN - History, Grammar, Syntax, Terminology and Vocabulary" Third Revised Edition by William T. Stearn, xiv & 566 pp., 43 b/w fig. & 1 map. Newton Abbey, Devon, England & David & Charles, Inc., North Pomfret, Vermont 05053. 1983. \$32.00.

Way back in Volume 14 of this journal I enthusiastically and appreciatively welcomed the first publication of this essential, thoroughly prepared, interestingly written, and very well explained and organized guide to the reading and writing of botanical Latin names, descriptions and works of a couple of centuries ago written in Latin as was the custom for scientific and other learned accounts. Its differences from classical Latin with its absorbed Greek, Medieval and early Renaissance Latin are distinguished. Declensions of nouns and their modifying adjectives, conjugations of verbs, other parts of speech, syntax, geographical names, chemical reactions and a full pertinent double language vocabulary are provided. Young present and future botanists, especially those dealing with taxonomy, systematics and the describing of new species from remote jungle areas where new kinds of plants are being discovered at an amazing rate, will surely need this book. They have come mostly from secondary schools that no longer offer Latin courses and/or from colleges and universities whose classics departments are being reduced as faculty retire to filing cabinets! This new edition is needed by all botanical libraries and library and herbarium reference sections. An aside - some of my friends who formerly taught Latin were fascinated with this book as were some field botany hobbyist friends who had remembered early schoolday training in those Latin declensions, conjugations and cognate word studies. Welcome to this new edition and thanks to the author for these valuable labors!



Meerow, Alan W. 1985. "Eucrosia stricklandii (Baker) Meerow (Amaryllidaceae), a prior epithet for E. brachyandra Meerow & Dehgan." *Phytologia* 58(7), 499–500.

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