

A NOTE ON *GRONA SIMPLICIFOLIA* (DALZ.) RAIZADA (LEGUMINOSAE) FROM INDIA

Galactia simplicifolia Dalz. (1851) based on plants from Tullawaree of Sahadry Hills of Concan, India, is a later heterotypic homonym of *G. simplicifolia* Sprengel (Syst. IV. Cur. Post. 282. 1827) based on plants from Papayan, Columbia, South America, which, in turn, is a superfluous name for *Cologania procumbens* Kunth (1824). Presumably aware of this situation, Baker (1876) proposed a new name, *Grona dalzellii* Baker based on Dalzell's and Stocks's plants from Concan and cited *Galactia simplicifolia* Dalz. as an obligate synonym. Since *Grona* Benth. & Hook. f. (1865) is a later homonym of *Grona* Lour. (1780), which is considered by Merrill (1935) as a synonym of the conserved genus *Desmodium* Desv. (1813) (and by some others as a genus of uncertain application), Merrill (l.c.) proposed a new genus *NOGRA* Merrill (an anagram of *Grona* Benth. & Hook. f.) and made the new combination *Nogra dalzellii* (Baker) Merrill, based on *Grona dalzellii* Baker and cited *Galactia simplicifolia* Dalzell (1851) as a nomenclatural synonym. In the circumstances, *Grona simplicifolia* (Dalz.) Raizada (1958) based on an illegitimate name *Galactia simplicifolia* Dalz., is also illegitimate and has to be cited as a synonym of *Nogra dalzellii* (Baker) Merrill.

The citations are as follows: ***Nogra dalzellii*** (Baker) Merrill in Trans. Amer. Phil. Soc. n.s. 24(2): 201. 1935. Basionym: *Grona dalzellii* Baker in Hook. f. Fl. Brit. India 2: 191. 1876. Syntypes: India, Concan, (fruiting)

Dalzell s.n. (K!), & Concan, (flowering) *Stocks* s.n. (K!).

Synonym: *Galactia simplicifolia* Dalzell in Hook. J. Bot. Kew Gard. Miscel. 3: 209. 1851; Dalz. & Gibs. Bombay Fl. 69. 1861, non Sprengel (1827), *nomen illegit.*

Type: "Crescit in Jugo Syhadrensi Prope Tullawaree" (not seen). *Grona simplicifolia* (Dalz.) Raizada in Indian Forester 84: 486. 1958 *nomen illegit.* Apart from the syntypes cited for *Grona dalzellii* Baker, the other specimens examined at Kew Herb. are:

INDIA: Concan (flowering) *Stocks* s.n.; Concan (flowering and fruiting) *Stocks* s.n.; Maharashtra, Panchgani, 1300 m., Oct. 1920, (flowering) *Bahadur* 7562.

Incidentally, it may be stated that the genus *Nogra* Merrill comprises 3 spp.: while *N. dalzellii* (Baker) Merrill is restricted to the Western Ghats of India, *N. filicaulis* (Kurz) Merrill, based on *Kurz* s.n. is apparently endemic to the Pegu region of Burma (but no specimen including the 'type' is traceable at K); *N. grahamii* (Wall. ex Benth.) based on *Grona grahamii* Wall. ex Benth. although, more wide-spread from India to Thailand, is represented at the Kew Herb. by only one specimen from India, viz. *Haines* 4638 from Bonai, Orissa, by only the 'Type' specimen *Wallich* 5513 (1826) from Prome, Burma and by three collections from Thailand.

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TWO NEW FLOWERING PLANTS FROM SOUTH INDIA

POACEAE

Zenkeria sebastinei Henry & Chandr. sp. nov.

Affinis *Z. obtusiflorae* (Thw.) Benth., sed

differt eo quod culmi et folii sunt breviores, spiculae longiores, lemmata acuminata.

Holotypus *Henry* 17325 A et isotypi *Henry* 17325 B-F lecti ad Agastyamalai, dist, Tiru-