

***Verbascum lagurus* subsp. *stefanovii*, nomen novum**

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Abstract: The invalid name of *Verbascum lagurus* subsp. *ponticum* (S t e f.) K o ž u h a r o v in K o ž u h a r o v (1992) is replaced by the new name *Verbascum lagurus* subsp. *stefanovii*.

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Nomen substitutum: *V. lagurus* subsp. *ponticum* (S t e f a n o v) K o ž u h a r o v in K o ž u h a r o v, S. (Ed.) Guidebook to the higher plants in Bulgaria. Add. 786, 1992. – Bas.: *Verbascum ponticum* S t e f a n o v Oesterr. Bot. Zeitschr. 72(11-12): 427, 1923, nom. illeg. non *V. ponticum* (B o i s s.) K u n t z e Rev. Gen. 469, 1891 = *Celsia pontica* B o i s s. in T c h i c h. Asie Mineure, 3,2: 11, 1860.

S t e f a n o v (1923) when describing *Verbascum ponticum* S t e f. overlooked the earlier homonym *V. ponticum* (B o i s s.) K u n t z e 1891 = *Celsia pontica* B o i s s. Even though K u n t z e gives just the name of B o i s s i e r and the citation of basionyme is missing, his combination is valid. The citation of basionyme has been obligatory since 1953 (ICBN 32.2). Thanks to this fact S t e f a n o v's name cannot be considered as valid (53.1 ICBN). According to monographer of this genus - M u r b e c k (1933) (p. 51) the species under discussion differs from *V. lagurus* F i s c h e r e t C . A . M a y e r "nur durch grazileren Wuchs und sehr lockere Infloreszenz" (only through slender grow and sparse inflorescence) and it is given in the synonymy of it. In the same way it is evaluated by H u b e r - M o r a t h (1971, 1978) and by F e r g u s s o n (1972). *V. lagurus* is distributed in northwest of Asia Minor, in the European part of Turkey and in southeast of Bulgaria. Bulgarian authors consider the plants from Bulgaria on various taxonomic levels. J o r d a n o f f (1935) combines the name to the variety (*V. lagurus* var. *ponticum* (S t e f.) J o r d a n o v. K o ž u h a r o v in K o ž u h a r o v (1992) in the Key of Bulgarian Flora uses for it the subspecific level (*V. lagurus* subsp. *ponticum* (S t e f.) K o ž u h a r o v). Even though the citation of basionyme is not complete, the number of volume is missing, thanks to the given year it is correctly classified and therefore valid. Mistaken bibliographical citation should not cause invalidity of that name (33.3 ICBN). S t e f a n o v a - G a t e v a (1995) in the most recent evaluation of the genus *Verbascum* for the Flora of Bulgaria uses this subspecific status for this taxon as well. As the name *V. ponticum* S t e f. is invalid it must be replaced by a new name. I accept it in the rank of subspecies that seems to me to be most suitable.

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