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This species is fairly frequent in the Guayedra zone of Gran Canaria, at above 400 m. ab. sea-level (Ku. 13985).

Babcockia platylepis (Webb & Berth.) Boulos, Bull. Jard. Bot. Nat. Belg.-
35: 64; 1965

var. *platylepis*, the rather uniform, typical form.

var. *remotilacinia* Kunkel, var. nov.

A forma typica folia remotilaciniata differt. Lamina usque ad 30 cm. longa, cum 3-5 lacinia grandes; basem et apicem integerrima.

HOLOTYPUS: Kunkel 14248 (G.), 29.VI.1971; Gran Canaria, Riscos de Tirajana, 1.450 m.

An apparently rare form of the otherwise quite common species and distinguished by its leaves with few lobes.

f. *diffluens* Kunkel, forma nova

Forma anomalis; pedunculi elongati; squamosi-foliosa, interdum ramificati.

HOLOTYPUS: Kunkel 14222 (G.), 23.VI.1971; Gran Canaria, Aserradero (Agate), 1.300 m.

This curious form growing together with numerous typical specimens might be of hybrid origin. However, a second possible parent is not too obvious; nearby grows *Sonchus acaulis*, *Taeckholmia pinnata* and, more distant, *Prenanthes pendula* all of which are potential hybridizers, of which *Sonchus acaulis* seems to be the most likely.

x *Babcolmia* Boulos & Kunkel

In the northeastern sector of Gran Canaria a shrubby Sonchoid hybrid was observed, of *Babcockia-Taeckholmia* parentage. This form, here with provisionally named x *Babcolmia canariensis*, will be described elsewhere.