

Lactuca mwinilungensis Pope sp. nov. affinis *L. calophyllae* C. Jeffrey, sed foliis post anthesin evolutis, caulibus glabris vel glabratis, inflorescentiis magnis ramis divaricatis distincta. Typus: Zambia, *Milne-Redhead* 3522 (holotypus K).

Herba subscaposa, caudice perenni incrassato fusiformi-turbinato sublig-noso; caules floriferi solitarii, erecti, usque c. 70 cm alti, glabri vel sparse setulosi, ramis plerumque simplicibus usque c. 35 cm longis divaricato-adscedentibus. *Folia* radicalia 1-6 rosulata, post anthesin evoluta, pseudopetiolata, 6-15 × 3-7 cm, late elliptica vel anguste obovata, apice rotundato-obtusa, basi cuneata, margine denticulata, glabra, demum leviter coriacea; pseudopetiolus usque c. 2.5 cm longus, plus minusve late alatus; folia caulina nulla vel si adsint sessilia, usque c. 4 cm longa, anguste oblanceolata-lineararia vel anguste triangularia. *Inflorescentiae* diffuse paniculatae. *Capitula* numerosa, sessilia vel pedicellata, solitaria vel per 2-4 aggregata in ramulis disposita, c. 5-floscula; involucrem usque c. 12 × 3 mm, cylindricum usque sub anthesin anguste campanulatum. *Phyllaria* 3-4-seriata, glabra, viridia, apicem versus saepe purpurascentia, glandulosa, apice ciliata, extima brevissime ovata; intima c. 11 mm longa, lanceolato-lorata, subcucullata. *Corolla* flava, 11-15 mm longa; pars inferior anguste cylindrica, extra supra sparse setulosa; pars superior ligulata, 8-11 × 2.5-3.5 mm, lorata. *Achenia* badia, 4-5 × 1.5-2 mm, ellipsoidea, apice vix rostrata, c. 0.5 mm longa, lateribus 2-interdum 3-costatis plus minusve inflatis, costis intermediis 1-3 parvulis, pappo albido multiseriato, setis c. 5 mm longis barbellatis basi connatis in rostro apice expanso dispositis.

ZAMBIA. Western Division, Mwinilunga District; 11 km NW of Kalene Mission, 1300 m, 11 Nov. 1962, *Lewis* 6225 (K); 0.8 km of S Matonchi Farm, 30 Oct. 1937, *Milne-Redhead* 3005 (K); 6 Dec. 1937, *Milne-Redhead* 3522 (holotype K); Zambezi R. above rapids, 8 km from Kalene Mission, 1200 m, 15 Nov. 1962, *Richards* 17231 (K).

This species has so far only been recorded from *Brachystegia* woodland in the Mwinilunga area.

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