

## Brief Articles and Reports

### Addendum to "Studies in the Aegean Flora XII"

In "Studies in the Aegean Flora XII. Cytologic and Morphologic Investigations in Centaurea" (Bot. Notiser 1967 p. 161—176), the new combination *Centaurea raphanina* S. & S. ssp. *mixta* (DC.) RUN. was published. In the reference to the basionym the page of the original publication was unfortunately omitted. In order to validate the combination full reference is given below.

*Centaurea raphanina* SIBTHORP & SMITH (*Florae graecae prodromus* II p. 205. — Londini 1813) ssp. *mixta* (DC.) comb. nov.

Basionym: *Centaurea mixta* A. P. DE CANDOLLE, *Prodromus systematis naturalis regni vegetabilis* VI p. 594. — Parisiis 1837.

The author of *Centaurea raphanina* is deliberately cited as SIBTHORP & SMITH.

In Taxon (1967 p. 168—178) STEARN makes a very valuable and thorough analysis of *Prodromus florae graecae* and *Flora graeca* by SIBTHORP and SMITH. He clearly shows that the *Prodromus* was prepared entirely by SMITH. In *Flora graeca* SMITH (vol. 1 — vol. 7 part 1) and LINDLEY (vol. 7 part 2 — vol. 10) were wholly responsible for the text and the new names. As a consequence STEARN declares that the new names should not be attributed to SIBTHORP & SMITH but to SMITH and LINDLEY, respectively.

In my opinion the citation of authors' names is solely justified as a means for technical precision. Thus the authors' names are necessary (1) to make it possible to separate homonyms and (2) to give at least some indication of the original publication.

In the actual cases the citation of SIBTHORP & SMITH is much to prefer compared to SMITH or LINDLEY, as it clearly shows that the taxon was described either in *Prodromus florae graecae* or in *Flora graeca*. A botanist must have a comparatively good knowledge of the literature to realise that, e.g., *Centaurea raphanina* "SM." and *Amygdalus graeca* "LINDLEY" were described in the *Prodromus* and *Flora graeca*, respectively. The titlepage of both these publications give the authors SIBTHORP & SMITH, which are also cited as authors in bibliographies and in *Index kewensis*.