

ASTERACEAE

TWO NEW COMBINATIONS IN *CAPUTIA* AND *CURIO* (SENECIONEAE)

Ongoing phylogenetic studies into generic delimitations in Senecioneae have resulted in the description or resurrection of a number of genera for segregates of the large genus *Senecio* L. (Nordenstam *et al.* 2009). Among those described for southern African species are the two genera *Caputia* B.Nord. & Pelsner (2012) and *Curio* P.V.Heath (1997). Two recently discovered species described in *Senecio* belong in these genera, but lack the relevant combinations.

Caputia was described (Nordenstam & Pelsner 2012) for a small group of species that is only distantly related to *Senecio* s. str. and possibly of hybrid origin (Pelsner *et al.* 2007). This distinct assemblage of succulent species is characterised by its mostly tomentose foliage and large, radiate or discoid capitula. The genus currently includes four species distributed along the eastern coastal regions of southern Africa. A fifth species, *Senecio oribiensis* Van Jaarsv., allied to *C. medley-woodii* (Hutch.) B.Nord. & Pelsner (= *S. medley-woodii* Hutch.), was recently described from Oriibi Gorge in KwaZulu-Natal (Van Jaarsveld 2012) and requires a combination in the genus.

Caputia oribiensis (Van Jaarsv.) J.C.Manning, comb. nov. *Senecio oribiensis* Van Jaarsv. in *Aloe* 48: 78 (2012). Type: South Africa, KwaZulu-Natal, Oriibi Gorge, Van Jaarsveld 22763 (PRE, holo.).

Curio currently includes 20 species of mostly sprawling or prostrate succulents with \pm fusiform leaves and discoid capitula, distributed mostly through the drier parts of southern Africa. The recently described *Senecio pondoensis* Van Jaarsv. & A.E.van Wyk from the Mzamba River Gorge in Eastern Cape is another member of this group, allied to *C. talinoides* (DC.) P.V.Heath (1999) (= *S. talinoides* DC.), but as yet lacking a name in the genus *Curio*.

Curio pondoensis (Van Jaarsv. & A.E.van Wyk) J.C.Manning, comb. nov. *Senecio pondoensis* Van Jaarsv. & A.E.van Wyk in *Aloe* 45: 28 (2011). Type: South Africa, Eastern Cape, Mzamba River Gorge, Van Jaarsveld *et al.* 19297 (PRE, holo.).

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