

Verbascum × *debeauxii* – an earlier name for *V.* × *edirnense* (*V. densiflorum* × *V. sinuatum*)

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Abstract. The generally overlooked name *Verbascum debeauxii* was created for the interspecific hybrid *Verbascum sinuatum* × *V. densiflorum* before the name *V. edirnense*, which was recently published for the same hybrid.

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The new name *Verbascum edirnense* F. Dane & G. Yilmaz 2009: 18 was recently published for the hybrid of *Verbascum sinuatum* L. and *V. densiflorum* L. (= *V. thapsiforme*) (Dane & Yilmaz 2009). However, this species combination already had an earlier published (Gautier 1897) hybrid name *V. debeauxii* Gaut. 1897: 320. It was published without a description, but according to ICBN Art. 32.1. “*In order to be validly published, a name of a taxon... must... (c) be accompanied by a description... or by a reference to a previously and effectively published description or diagnosis*”, it is valid for its indirect reference „*V. sinuato* × *thapsiforme* Deb.“ leading to the formula and description of Debeaux (1878) (*V. sinuato-thapsiforme* Debeaux 1878: 182). This name was invalidly published earlier on the basis of a different type (Batt. in Batt. & Trab 1889) in the synonymy of *V. kabylianum* Deb. (*Verbascum debeauxii* Franch. (ined.) ex Batt. in Batt. & Trab. 1889: 627, nom. inval., in syn.) (see ICBN Art. 34.1. “*A name is not validly published... (c) when it is merely cited as a synonym*”). According to ICBN 53.1, “*A name... is illegitimate if it is a later homonym, that is, if it is spelled exactly like a name based on a different type that was previously and validly published for a taxon of the same rank.*” Thus the name *V. debeauxii*

Gaut. is not a later devised homonym and should be used as a valid name. It was already used by Murbeck (1933) in his monograph.

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