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. Yılmaz 2009: 18 was recently published for the hybrid of Verbascum sinuatum L. and V. densiflorum L. (= V. thapsiforme) (Dane & Yılmaz 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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