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Watsonia vicschuettei (Iridaceae, Watsonieae), a replacement name for the illegitimate *Watsonia palustris*

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A newly discovered South African species of *Watsonia* Miller (1758: 184), family Iridaceae Jussieu (1789: 57), was described as *Watsonia palustris* Goldblatt & Manning (2016: 151). During the process of digitizing *Watsonia* holdings in the Bews Herbarium (NU) we realised that this name is illegitimate according to Art. 53.1 of the ICN (McNeill *et al.* 2012). *Watsonia palustris* Goldblatt & J.C.Manning is a later homonym of *W. palustris* Persoon (1805:43), in itself a superfluous name for *Dierama pendulum* (Linnaeus f. 1781: 91) Baker (1877: 99). We present a replacement name for this taxon here.

This species has a narrow distribution in the Umvoti district of the province of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. It can be distinguished from other similar pink-flowered *Watsonia* species by the following: a marshy habitat, its clumped, low growth form, unique flowering time (late summer) and bicolorous bracts (Goldblatt & Manning 2016).

Etymology: The taxon is named after Mr Vic Schütte, an amateur botanist with a keen eye who discovered the new taxon and alerted local botanists to its existence. He is also responsible for several botanical conservation efforts in the Lake Merthley grassland area, where the newly described *Watsonia* occurs, and he volunteered for the Custodians of Rare & Endangered Wildflowers (CREW) in the Umvoti area of KwaZulu-Natal (Johnson & Curry 2017).

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Replaced name:—*Watsonia palustris* Goldblatt & Manning (2016: 151), *nom. illeg.*, non *Watsonia palustris* Persoon (1805: 43).

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. KwaZulu-Natal: Umvoti District, Lake Merthley, western shores, 1350 m, 15 February 2011, *I. Johnson 1487* (holotype NBG, isotype MO).

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