



## *Justicia wasshausenii*, a new name for *Justicia andersonii* Wasshausen (Acanthaceae)

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*Justicia* Linnaeus (1753: 15) is the largest genus of Acanthaceae (Wasshausen 2002). It comprises about 600 species (Graham 1988), distributed throughout the tropics and subtropics of both hemispheres, extending into the temperate regions of North America, with one species found as far north as Quebec in Canada (Wasshausen 1992a). In Brazil, the genus is represented by 128 species (Profice *et al.* 2015). Among them, *Justicia andersonii* Wasshausen (1992b: 666) is an illegitimate name, as it is a later homonym of *J. andersonii* Ramamoorthy (1976: 551). Therefore a new name, *J. wasshausenii*, is proposed as a replacement name for *J. andersonii*.

### *Justicia wasshausenii* R.Kottaimuthu, *nom. nov.*

= *Justicia andersonii* Wasshausen (1992b: 666), *nom. illeg.*, non *Justicia andersonii* Ramamoorthy (1976: 551). Type:—BRAZIL. Minas Gerais: 15 km by road W of Januária on road to Serra das Araras, 575–650 m, 20 April 1973, *W. R. Anderson 9225* (holotype UB, isotypes NY!, US).

**Etymology:**—The specific epithet honors Dr. Dieter C. Wasshausen, Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C., U.S.A., for his contributions in the field of Acanthaceae systematics.

**Distribution:**—Brazil-Endemic.

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