



## Lectotypification of the name *Ardisia stipitata* Fletcher (Primulaceae)

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The typification of the name *Ardisia stipitata* is discussed. The protologue of the name and the original material are evaluated. A specimen from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (K) is designated as the lectotype.

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*Ardisia* Swartz (1788: 48) is a genus in the family Primulaceae comprising more than 500 species, of which about 400 are distributed in Asia (Mao & Hu 2013). *Ardisia stipitata* Fletcher (1937: 38) is known from Thailand and found in Phitsanulok (known as Nawngkai, Chaiyaburi in the original publication).

*Ardisia stipitata* is placed in *A.* subgenus *Crispardisia* Mez (1902: 141). The subgenus is defined by marginal glands present near or at the leaf blade margin on each marginal sinus or apex of the teeth of the crenation (Mez 1902, Larsen & Hu 1996). However, *A. stipitata* is distinct from the other members of the subgenus in having the continuous intra-marginal nerve as much as 2 mm from the margin. Its marginal glands are not in the crenations of the blade margin, but rather opposite them and on the marginal nerve (Fletcher 1937).

During a taxonomic study of plants in Thailand and the genus *Ardisia*, including a study of the type specimens deposited in herbaria of both Europe and Thailand, we found that when Fletcher published the name *A. stipitata* as a new species, he cited the specimens “*Kerr 8523A*”, collected from Thailand, and “*Balansa s.n.*”, collected from Tonkin, but did not indicate a type. The protologue indicates that the specimen “*Balansa s.n.*” was kept in Herb. Kew (K), but it has not been found by us. We found that there was one duplicate of “*Kerr 8523A*” kept in each of BK, BM, E and K, all of which should be regarded as syntypes (Art. 9.5 of the ICN, McNeill *et al.* 2012), and so the name *A. stipitata* needs lectotypification. Among the four duplicates of *Kerr 8523A*, the one kept in K (barcode K000756819) is a perfect match to the description given in the protologue and there are many branches and leaves on the herbarium sheet, so it has been selected as the lectotype. The lectotypification of this name is provided as follows:

*Ardisia stipitata* Fletcher (1937: 38). Lectotype (designed here):—THAILAND. Phitsanulok (Nawngkai, Chaiyaburi): alt. ca. 200 m., dry evergreen forest, *A.F.G. Kerr 8523A* (lectotype K barcode K000756819 [digital photograph!]), isolectotypes BK!, BM [digital photograph!], E [digital photograph!]). Figure 1.

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**FIGURE 1.** *Ardisia stipitata* Fletcher (Kerr 8523A (lectotype, K barcode K000756819). Reproduced with permission of the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew.

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