

## CORRECTING A MINOR ERROR: A NEW NAME FOR A MARANTACEAE SPECIES FROM NEW GUINEA

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### ABSTRACT

TURNER, I. M. 2022. Correcting a minor error: a new name for a Marantaceae species from New Guinea. *Reinwardtia* 21(2): 81–82. — The new name, *Phrynium cominsia* I.M.Turner, and lectotype are published for *Cominsia minor* Valeton (Marantaceae).

**Key words:** *Cominsia*, Indonesia, lectotype, nomen novum, *Phrynium*.

### ABSTRAK

TURNER, I. M. 2022. Perbaiki kesalahan kecil: nama baru jenis Marantaceae dari Papua Nugini. *Reinwardtia* 21(2): 81–82. — Nama baru tersebut adalah *Phrynium cominsia* I.M.Turner, dan diterbitkan sebagai tipe pengganti *Cominsia minor* Valeton (Marantaceae).

**Kata kunci:** *Cominsia*, Indonesia, nama baru, *Phrynium*, tipe pengganti.

## INTRODUCTION

In their revision of the generic organisation of Asian Marantaceae, Suksathan *et al.* (2009) reduced the genus *Cominsia* to *Phrynium*. Among the new combinations at species rank that were made to accompany this realignment, *Cominsia minor* Valeton was transferred to *Phrynium*, as ‘*Phrynium minor*’. The Latin term *minor* is a comparative adjective derived from *parvus* meaning small, so *minor* means smaller. Latin adjectives typically decline according to the gender of the noun that they are describing, or in plant nomenclature when used as a specific (or infraspecific) epithet with the gender of the generic name with which they form the name (ICN (Turland *et al.*, 2018) Art. 23.5). For masculine and feminine genders, *minor* is the correct declension, for genera with a neuter gender the epithet is correctly *minus*. Therefore, ‘*Phrynium minor*’ is correctible to *Phrynium minus*. But this name has been used before by Schumann (1902) for what is now known as *Stachyphrynium repens* (Körn.) Suksathan. & Borchs. The new combination in *Phrynium* for *Cominsia minor* is therefore an illegitimate later homonym, and cannot be the correct name for the species. As there appear to be no heterotypic synonyms available, a replacement name is proposed here, using the old generic name as the specific epithet.

*Cominsia minor* was described by Valeton from plants growing in the Bogor Botanic Garden, that

were originally introduced from South-West New Guinea. The protologue included a detailed plate, presumably drawn from living material. Valeton made no reference to herbarium material and no likely type material was located in Herbarium Bogoriense (H. Rustiami *pers. comm.*). Therefore, Valeton’s plate is here selected as lectotype of the name *Cominsia minor*.

***Phrynium cominsia* I.M.Turner, *nom. nov.***

Replaced synonym: *Cominsia minor* Valeton, Bull. Jard. Bot. Buitenzorg, ser. III, 2 (1920) 351, t. II. – *Phrynium minus* Suksathan & Borchs., Bot. J. Linn. Soc. 159 (2009) 394, as ‘*minor*’, *nom. illegit.*, non *P. minus* K.Schum. (1902). Lectotype: [published illustration] Valeton, Bull. Jard. Bot. Buitenzorg, ser. III, 2 (1920) t. II (designated here).

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