NOTE

Nomenclature Priority: about a New Combination of *Pedicularis cleilanthifolia* var. *purpurea*

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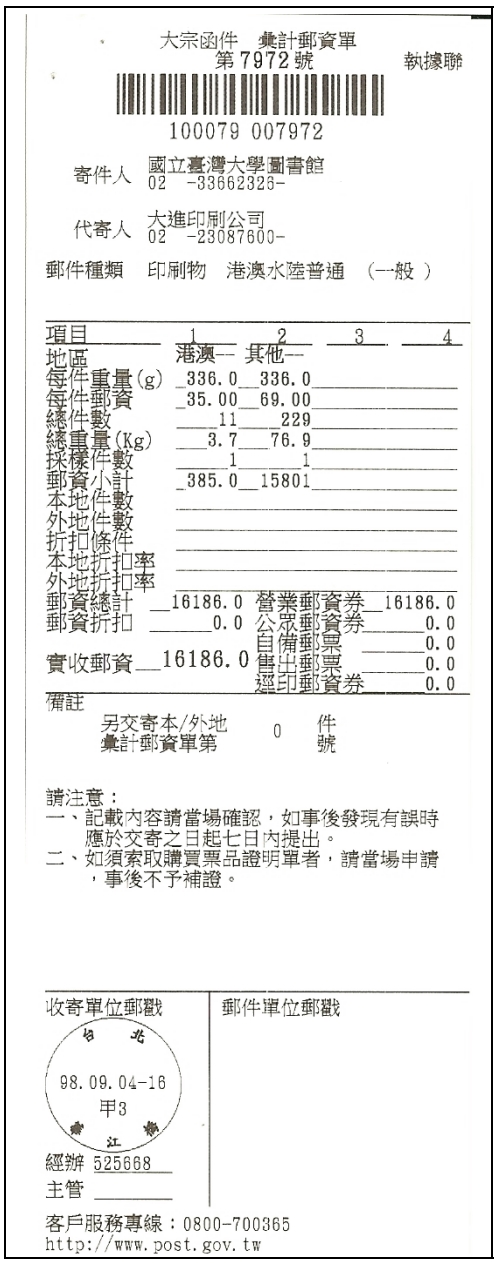
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Revisionary studies on Indian *Pedicularis* L. (Scrophulariaceae) lead to an insight into *Pedicularis cheilanthifolia* Schrenk complex, wherein new combination of *P. cheilanthifolia* Schrenk, *viz*. *Pedicularis cheilanthifolia* Schrenk var. *purpurea* (Pennell) A. Garg, was created, in 2009 (Garg, 2009). However, a similar combination *viz*. *P. cheilanthifolia* var. *purpurea* (Pennell) Tsoong ex. Husain & Agnihotri appeared at the same time, but in back issue of the journal (Husain and Agnihotri, 2008). To ascertain the 'Priority of Publication' of this new varietal combination, brought about simultaneously by different authors, during the same period (September, 2009), the exact date of publication of the two papers was inquired.

The two dates of publication were as follows - The journal Taiwania, vol. 54 (no. 3) of the year 2009, was released on 4th September, 2009 (pers. Comm. of Managing Editor, Ms. Heng-Chao Liu) (Fig. 1) in which, the new combination made by Arti Garg, appeared first, whereas the journal Phytotaxonomy, volume 8 of the year 2008 issue, was released on 30th September, 2009 (mentioned within the journal) in which the similar combination was made by Husain and Agnihotri.

It is therefore imperative that the the new combination *Pedicularis cheilanthifolia* Schrenk var. *purpurea* (Pennell) A. Garg obtains priority over *P. cheilanthifolia* Schrenk var. *purpurea* (Pennell) Tsoong ex Husain & Agnihotri, the date of publication of the former being prior, *viz*. 4th September, 2009, to that of the latter, *viz*. 30th September, 2009. This has reference to article 11.4 and 30A.2 of the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature (McNeill et al., 2006).

Further, Husain & Agnihotri attributed the varietal combination to Tsoong (*P. cheilanthifolia* var. *purpurea* (Pennell) Tsoong ex. Husain & Agnihotri), nevertheless, the present author (A. Garg), while revising the genus *Pedicularis* L. in India, did not find any proposal of this combination being suggested by Tsoong, neither in his own publications (Tsoong, 1955a, b), nor on any herbarium specimens, nor elsewhere throughout published Literature on *Pedicularis* L. The author therefore, feels contented with the new combination *P. cheilanthifolia* Schrenk var. *purpurea* (Pennell) A. Garg.


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