

Short Communication

**A New combination in *Baccaroides* Moench (Asteraceae) from India**

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**Abstract**

A new combination in *Baccaroides* viz. *B. rangacharii* (Gamble) Punekar and Vasudeva Rao var. *agastyamalyanum* (Geetha Kumary, Santhosh Kumar et Pandurangan) Santhosh Kumar is proposed.

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The genus *Baccaroides* established by Moench in 1794 [1] while transferring *Conyza anthelmintica* L. to it. Since then, it remained virtually unknown until Robinson [2] resurrected it. Punekar and Rao [3] opined that all Indian species earlier treated under *Centratherum* Cass. and *Phyllocephalum* Blume need to be transferred to *Baccaroides* and accordingly they made five combinations viz. *B. courtallense* (Wight) Punekar and Vasudeva Rao, *B. indicum* (Less.) Punekar and Vasudeva Rao, *B. mayurii* (C.E.C.Fisch.) Punekar and Vasudeva Rao, *B. rangacharii* (Gamble) Punekar and Vasudeva Rao and *B. sengeltherianum* (Narayana) Punekar Vasudeva Rao. Geetha *et al.* [4] proposed another variety of *Phyllocephalum rangacharii* viz. var. *agastyamalyanum*, which necessitates the following new combination:

***Baccaroides rangacharii*** (Gamble) Punekar and Vasudeva Rao var. ***agastyamalyanum*** (Geetha Kumary, Santhosh Kumar et Pandurangan) Santhosh Kumar, *comb. nov.*

*Phyllocephalum rangacharii* (Gamble) Narayana var. *agastyamalyanum* Geetha Kumary, Santhosh Kumar et Pandurangan, Indian J. Forest. 31(1), 119 (2008). Type: M. P. Geetha Kumary and A. G. Pandurangan, 49495 (Holo TBGT; Iso MH, CAL)

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Distribution: Western Ghats of Kerala. Endemic.

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