

Nomenclature and typification in *Verbascum* (Scrophulariaceae) from North Africa

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Abstract

The progress of taxonomic work on native *Verbascum* L. taxa found in Morocco led to a search for reference specimens in various herbaria. This process was extended to the taxa found in the other four countries of North Africa (Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, and Egypt), which make up the southern shore of the Mediterranean basin. Numerous names were identified as needing typification or requiring corrections of their earlier lectotypifications in order to stabilize their nomenclature and provide a better definition of each taxon. As a result, lectotypes are now designated for 35 names, a neotype is proposed for *V. ballii* (Batt.) Hub.-Mor., and second-step lectotypes are proposed for *V. faurei* subsp. *acanthifolium* (Pau) Benedí & J.M.Monts. and *V. pinnatisectum* (Batt.) Benedí. Comments have been added for each typified name. Known isolectotypes are also mentioned whenever possible. Furthermore, some new combinations are proposed in this paper, namely *V. longirostre* var. *antiatlantica* (Emb.) Khamar, **comb. nov.**, *V. longirostre* var. *atlantica* (Maire) Khamar, **comb. nov.**, and *V. longirostre* var. *hoggarica* (Maire) Khamar, **comb. nov.**

Keywords

genus *Verbascum*, lectotypification, nomenclature, North Africa

Introduction

Verbascum L. (including *Celsia* L.) is a diverse genus of the figwort family Scrophulariaceae *sensu stricto*, tribe Scrophularieae (*sensu* Angiosperm Phylogeny Group (APG-IV)

2016), including 497 taxa (465 species and 32 subspecies) (Hassler 2022; Khamar 2022) broadly distributed throughout the Old World, particularly in the temperate northern hemisphere (Murbeck 1925, 1933; Huber-Morath 1978; Remal 2014; Sotoodeh et al. 2014, 2015; Zografidis 2016; Khamar et al. 2017). It reaches its highest species diversity in the Mediterranean region (Yılmaz and Dane 2012; Remal 2014; Sotoodeh 2015; Zografidis 2016) where 70% of all species can be found (Murbeck 1939; Sharifnia 2007; Benedí 2009; Catara et al. 2016). Outside its natural distribution area, the genus is naturalized in other regions around the world, *i.e.* the United States of America, Canada, South Africa, Hawaii, Mexico, Chile, Hispaniola, Argentina, Australia, New Zealand, the Indian Ocean island of La Reunion, and Japan (Parham and Healy 1976; Gross and Werner 1978; Gross 1980; Reinartz 1984; Juvik and Juvik 1993; Mito and Uesugi 2004; Baret et al. 2006; Durán-Espinosa 2006; Williams 2010; Alba 2011; Nesom 2019; Jaca 2017; Scaramuzzino et al. 2018). Further progress on the taxonomy of *Verbascum* has recently been made thanks to botanical studies, especially molecular studies in the north of the Mediterranean basin and in the Irano-Turanian biogeographic region (Al-Hadeethy et al. 2014; Ghahremaninejad et al. 2014; Remal 2014; Sotoodeh 2015). The results of these studies support the monophyly of the genus and its synonymy with *Celsia* L. However, the morphological infrageneric classifications proposed by Murbeck (1925, 1933) and Huber-Morath (1978) are not consistent with the molecular phylogeny.

In continental North Africa (Fig. 1), the genus is represented by 36 taxa belonging to 31 species (Dobignard and Chatelain 2013; Khamar et al. 2017, 2022). Endemism rate is estimated to be 48% of all taxa. *Verbascum* species of North Africa grow in various habitats, *i.e.* steppes, forests, scrublands, lowland and high mountain pastures, rocky places, dry stony ravines and wadis, and can be found from the seashore up to high mountains (Jahandiez and Maire 1934; Quézel and Santa 1963; Pottier-Alapetite 1981; Qaiser 1982; Boulos 2002; Ibn Tattou 2007).

In continental North Africa, the genus has been studied by different authors from the late 18th / early 19th centuries to the present, and various accounts have been made: Desfontaines (1798); Ball (1875, 1878); Ascherson and Schweinfurth (1887); Battandier and Trabut (1889, 1890, 1902); Battandier (1910, 1919); Bonnet and Barratte (1896); Murbeck (1905, 1921, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1933, 1936, 1939); Maire (1918, 1924, 1931, 1940); Pau (1922, 1928); Sennen (1936); Jahandiez and Maire (1934); Emberger and Maire (1941); Quézel (1957); Quézel and Santa (1963); Huber-Morath (1973); Pottier-Alapetite, (1981); Qaiser (1982); Fennane and Ibn Tattou (1998); Boulos (2002); Ibn Tattou (2007); Le Floc'h et al. (2010); Dobignard and Chatelain (2013); and Khamar et al. (2017). Nevertheless, few papers specifically deal with the typification of accepted *Verbascum* species names (Benedí and Montserrat 1985, 1997; Benedí 2003), so that significant numbers of binomials still lack unequivocal types. Moreover, the locations of the types are not fully resolved.

The present paper constitutes a preliminary step towards a taxonomic and nomenclatural revision of the taxa growing in North Africa. The purpose is to (1) contribute to nomenclatural stability of the species by clarifying the type citations, the designation of lectotypes, holotypes or neotypes when necessary, or the indication of previous typifications, and (2) provide an updated list of synonyms for each taxon.

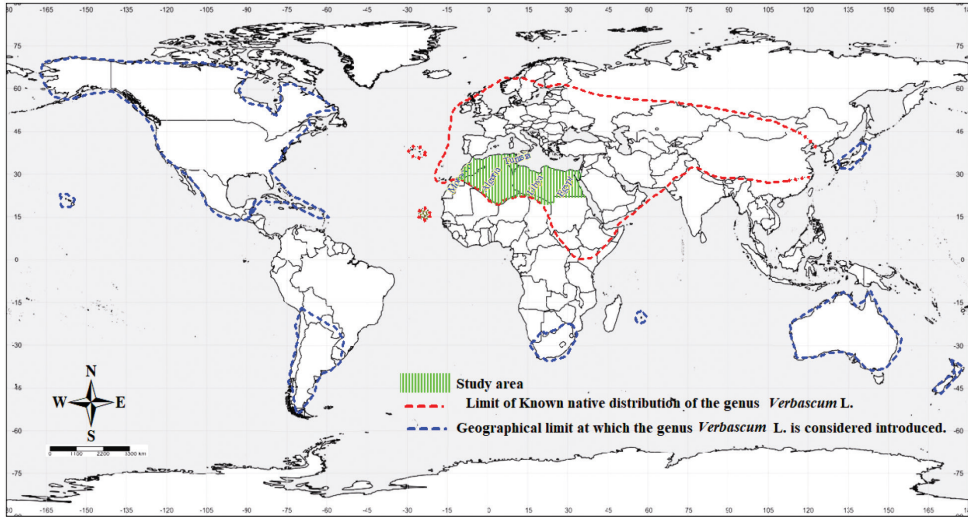


Figure 1. General distribution area of the Genus *Verbascum* L. modified from Murbeck (1925, 1933, 1939), Remal (2014), Sotoodeh et al. (2015) and Khamar (2022).

Materials and methods

All the protologues of each validly published name for *Verbascum* taxa occurring in continental North Africa, as well as their synonyms, were consulted and critically reviewed. The biogeographic area was considered to extend from the southern shore of the Mediterranean Sea to the southern phytogeographic limit of the genus *Verbascum*, which is marked in southwestern Morocco by the presence of *V. sinuatum* L., *V. tetrandrum* Barr and Murb., *V. maroccanum* (Ball.) Huber-Morath and *V. longirostre* (Murb.) Huber-Morath; by *V. dentifolium* Delile and *V. longirostre* (Murb.) Huber-Morath in the Algerian Sahara (Hoggar in southern Algeria), by *V. tibesticum* (Quézel) Hub.-Mor. in the northern part of the Tibesti mountain range in Chad near the Chadian-Libyan border (Fig. 1).

Three key elements were taken into account to verify the original type plants (Turland et al. 2018): (1) the specimen characteristics that matched those in the original description, (2) the date and locality of collection mentioned in the protologue, and (3) all handwritten annotations on the labels.

Type herbarium specimens and authentic collections were examined, from the corresponding herbaria or mainly from the material loaded on the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF; available online at <http://www.gbif.org/occurrence>), JSTOR Global Plant Science (available online at <http://plants.jstor.org>), and also from online access to the permanent websites of herbaria (in bold are indicated herbarium codes according to Thiers 2021, continuously updated, and listed in alphabetic order): **AIX** (available online via the P website link), **B** (available online at: <http://ww2.bgbm.org/herbarium/default.cfm>), **BC** (via the GBIF and JSTOR Global Plants websites), **BCN** (available online via GBIF and JSTOR Global Plants website links), **BM** (available online via GBIF and JSTOR Global Plants website links), **COI** (available online at

https://www.uc.pt/en/herbario_digital/catalogues), **G** (available online at <http://www.ville-ge.ch/musinfo/bd/cjb/chg/index.php?lang=en>), **GDA** (available online via the GBIF website link), **JE** (available online at <https://herbarium.univie.ac.at/database/search.php>), **K** (available online at <http://apps.kew.org/herbcat/gotoSearchPage.do>), **LD** (available online at <https://www.biomus.lu.se/en/botanical-collections>), **LINN** (available online at http://linnean-online.org/linnaean_herbarium.html), **MA** (available online via the GBIF website link), **MAF** (available online via the GBIF website link), **MPU** (available online at <https://collections.umontpellier.fr/collections/botanique/herbier-mpu/base-herbier-mpu>), **P** (available online at <https://science.mnhn.fr/institution/mnhn/search>), **RAB** (available online via P website and JSTOR Global Plants website links), and **S** (available online at <http://herbarium.nrm.se/search/specimens/>). The herbaria where the personal collection of each author is kept were often verified using the Taxonomic Literature of Stafleu and Cowan (1976–1988).

Under the guidance of the International Code of Nomenclature for algae, fungi, and plants (ICN; Turland et al. 2018) and statements recently suggested by McNeill (2014), the lectotype was selected among others according to its quality and its accordance with the description and data provided in the protologue. When duplicates were traced in other herbaria, these were designated as isolectotypes. When no appropriate material for use as a lectotype was located, a neotype was designated and its duplicates – if available – were designated as isoneotypes.

The following websites were also checked to collect more data about types, bibliographical citations in the original publications, names, and synonymies: the Euro + Med Plant-Base (<http://ww2.bgbm.org/EuroPlusMed/query.asp>), the International Plant Name Index (IPNI 2022; <http://www.ipni.org>), Plants of the World Online (POWO 2022; <http://www.plantsoftheworldonline.org/>), Tropicos (<http://www.tropicos.org/Home.aspx>), and the African Plant Database (2022; APD; <https://africanplantdatabase.ch/>).

Lectotypifications

The taxa covered in this study are sorted in alphabetical order, according to their current accepted name (in bold), followed by the author citation, the bibliographic reference of the protologue or the nomenclatural recombination, the transcription of the original label of the specimen designated as type (lectotype, isolectotype, or neotype), and a barcode number following the herbarium acronym whenever available. Moreover, the homotypic and/or heterotypic synonyms for each name are quoted in chronological order. Comments have been added for each typified name.

***Verbascum atlanticum* Batt., in Battandier & Trabut, Fl. Algérie, Dicot.: 626. 1889.**

= *Verbascum repandum* Batt., in Suppl. aux Phanérog.: 69. 1910. Nonæ Willd. Enum. pl. hort. Berol.: 226, 1809.

= *Verbascum pseudoblattaria* auct., (sensu Batt) in Contrib. Fl. Atl.: 62. 1919., non *pseudoblattaria* Schleicher, in Cat. Pl. Helv. ed. 4: 36. 1821. Type: [ALGERIA]. O. Djebel-M'zi, [without date], *J. A. Battandier s.n.* (Lectotype, designated here: MPU [MPU006498]!; isolecotype MPU [MPU006497]!). [image of lectotype available at <https://plants.jstor.org/stable/viewer/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.mpu006498>]

Type. [ALGERIA]. Djebel Aïssa, rocaïlles gréseuses près de l'Aïn-Aïssa, 1600 m, [without date], *J. A. Battandier s. n.* (Lectotype, designated here: P [P00083087]!; isolecotype MPU [MPU007787, MPU007788]!). [image of lectotype available at <https://plants.jstor.org/stable/viewer/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.p00083087>]

Notes. *Verbascum atlanticum* was described by Battandier and Trabut (1889) based on material collected south of Oran, Algeria. In the protologue, the authors did not designate a holotype, nor did they provide data about the herbaria housing the original material. According to Stafleu and Cowan (1976–1988), the plants collected by Battandier and Trabut are kept at Herb. MPU, but a number of duplicates can be found at Herbs P and RAR. We traced three specimens stored at Herb. MPU (MPU007787, MPU007788) and Herb. P (P00083087). The morphology of all three specimens agreed with the original description, and their locality was also in agreement with the locality data given in the protologue. It should also be noted that the specimens housed at Herb. MPU were mounted as two preparations for the same collection – sheets MPU007788 and MPU007787. Cross-labeling indicated that they were a single specimen (see Art. 8.3. of the ICN, Turland et al. 2018). The herbarium sheet P00083087 and those kept at Herb. MPU bore original labels handwritten by Battandier “Université d’Alger / Herbier de l’Afrique du Nord / *Verbascum atlanticum* Batt.! / Type! / Djebel Aïssa, rocaïlles gréseuses près de l’Aïn-Aïssa, 1600 m, / Leg J. A. Battandier”. Referring to Art. 9.6 of the ICN (Turland et al. 2018), all these specimens should be considered as syntypes. We selected sheet P00083087 as the lectotype, because it was in a better condition than the other Herb. MPU specimens, and part of its features closely agreed with the original description.

In his contributions for the Atlantic Flora, Battandier (1919) described another new species, *V. pseudoblattaria*, thirty years after the description of *V. atlanticum*. The original material of this new species, as referred to by Battandier (1919) in the protologue, was collected at Djebel-M'zi, south of Oran (Algeria). We traced two sheets at Herb. MPU (MPU006498, MPU006497), which are in complete agreement with the protologue and can be considered as original material. The sheet MPU006498 is selected here as the lectotype of the name *V. pseudoblattaria*, since it is in a better condition.

***Verbascum ballii* (Batt.) Hub. -Mor., in *Bauhinia* 5(1): 10. 1973.**

≡ *Celsia ballii* Batt., in Battandier & Trabut, Fl. Algérie, Dicot.: 628. 1889 [basionym]. Type: [ALGERIA]. Oued Biskra, April 1895, *J. A. Battandier, s.n.* (Neotype, designated here: MPU [MPU007789]!, isoneotype MPU [MP007790]!). [image of neotype available at <https://plants.jstor.org/stable/viewer/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.mpu007789>].

- ≡ *Celsia laciniata* var. *ballii* (Batt.) Batt., in Battand. & Trab. Fl. Anal. & Synopt. Alg.-Tun.: 243. 1902. ≡ *Verbascum ballii* (Batt.) Qaiser, in Fl. Libya 88: 26. 1982, comb. nov. superfl.
- = *Celsia cretica* L. var. *cavanillesii* auct. Spicil. Fl. Maroc: 584. 1878, Non *Celsia cretica* var. *cavanillesii* Kunze ex Willk., in Willk. & Lange, Prodr. Fl. Hispan. 2: 545. 1870; nec *C. cavanillesii* Kunze in Flora 29: 698. 1846.
- = *Celsia laciniata* Poir. var. *brvipes* Barratte, in Bonnet & Barratte Cat. Rais. Pl. Vasc. Tunisie: 311. 1896. Type: not designated.

Notes. When he described this species, Battandier (in Battandier and Trabut 1889) did not specify in which herbarium the type had been deposited. After an in-depth search, we found three sheets at Herb. MPU bearing labels handwritten by Battandier and rewritten by Dr. R. Maire, on which he noted “Type”. The first sheet (MPU007789) bore a label reading “Oued Biskra, Avril 1895, [Battandier’s signature]”, the second one (MP007790) bore a label reading “*Celsia ballii* Batt. / El Kantara / Avril 1895 / leg. J. A. Battandier / [Battandier’s signature]!” and the last one (MPU009629) bore a label reading “*Celsia ballii* Batt / C. Ain-Oumach, montagne / J. A. Battandier”. However, these sheets presented two inaccuracies when compared with the protologue: (1) specimens MPU007789 and MP007790 were collected after the protologue was published, and (2) the collection locality indicated on the label of sheet MPU009629 did not match with the one cited in the protologue. Therefore, the “type” notation by Maire on *Celsia ballii* sheets was mistaken. Since no specimen from the original gathering in any institution was traced, a neotype should be designated according to Arts 9.8 of the ICN (Turland et al. 2018). We selected sheet MPU007789 stored at Herb. MPU as a neotype since it was collected and identified by Battandier and display all the morphological features described in the protologue.

***Verbascum battandieri* (Murb.) Hub.-Mor., in *Bauhinia* 5(1): 10. 1973.**

- ≡ *Celsia battandieri* Murb., in Lunds Univ. Arsskrift, 2 n.f., 22(1): 209.1925. Type: [ALGERIA]. Algérie occid. Oran, à Santa Cruz, rochers calcaires au-dessus du col, 15 May 1924, A. Faure, s.n. (Lectotype, designated here: JE [JE00013725]!; isolectotype: JE [JE00013700, JE00013701, JE00013702, JE00013703]!). [image available at <https://plants.jstor.org/stable/viewer/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.je00013725>].
- = *Celsia laciniata* auct., in Battandier & Trabut, Fl. Alg. 1(4): 629. 1890, non *C. laciniata* Poir., Lam., in Encycl., Suppl. 2: 147. 1811, nec *C. laciniata* Coss. ex Ball, in J. Linn. Soc., Bot. 16: 585. 1878.
- = *Celsia barnadesii* var. *mauritanica* Pau, in Mem. Mus. Ci. Nat. Barcelona, Ser. Bot. 1(1): 59. 1922 [basonym]. Type: [MOROCCO]. Riff oriental aux alentours de Zeluan, 2 May 1910, C. Pau s.n. (Lectotype designated by Nualart et al. 2018, p. 614): MA [MA108921]!; isolectotypes: BCN [BCN52463]!, G [G00414977]!,

LD [LD1967555]!, MA [MA108919]!, MA [MA108920]!, P [P03425530]!. ≡ *Celsia mauritanica* (Pau) Sennen & Mauricio, in *Monde Pl.* 3(66–181): 1. 1929.
 = *Celsia rhiphaea* Murb., in *Bot. Not.* 1945: 109. 1945 [basionym]. Type: [MOROCCO].
 In declivibus calc, littoris rhiphaei, ad pedem Yebel Malmusi (Bocoya), 100 m alt.,
 4 June 1927, *Font-Quer* 565. B: [n. v.] ([Type specimen is not traced; likely the
 sheet has been destroyed during the World War II (Hiepko, 1987)]). ≡ *Verbascum*
rhiphaeum (Murb.) Hub.-Mor., in *Bauhinia* 5(1): 14. 1973.

Notes. In the protologue of this species, Murbeck (1925) cited more than 30 gatherings, and he indicated the herbaria (B, WU, JE) that housed the specimens he examined. In the absence of any indication of a single specimen as the type, all the specimens cited in the protologue can be considered as syntypes according to Art. 9.6 of the ICN (Turland et al. 2018). Following the indications of Murbeck (1925), we only traced five sheets (JE00013700, JE00013701, JE00013702, JE00013703, JE00013725) at Herb. JE. These specimens completely agree with the protologue and can be safely considered as original material. However, as the other sheets stored at Herb. B mentioned by Murbeck were not found, we can assume that they were all destroyed by the fire following bombing by the Allied forces during World War II (see Hiepko, 1987). A detailed examination of the specimen and photos of JE00013725, presumably examined by Murbeck, matched with all the criteria and the description provided in the protologue, so we select it here as the lectotype of the name *Verbascum battandieri*.

***Verbascum blattaria* L., Sp. Pl. 1: 178. 1753.**

- = *Blattaria alba* Mill., Fig. Pl. Gard. Dict. 1: 45. 1760.
- = *Verbascum glabrum* Mill., Gard. Dict. ed. VIII: n. 8 1768.
- = *Verbascum cordatum* Desf., in *Fl. Atl.* 1: 186. 1798.
- = *Verbascum repandum* Willd., *Enumeratio Plantarum*: 226. 1809.
- ≡ *Thapsus blattaria* (L.) Raf., in *Fl. Tellur.* 4: 89. 1838.
- = *Verbascum blattaria* var. *albiflorum* G.Don, in *Gen. Hist.* 4: 497 1838. ≡ *Verbascum blattaria* f. *albiflora* (G.Don) House, in *Bull. New York State Mus. Nat. Hist.* 243–244: 45. 1923.
- = *Verbascum blattaria* var. *albiflorum* Kuntze, in *Revis. Gen. Pl.* 2: 468.1891, nom. illeg.
- = *Blattaria vulgaris* Fourr., in *Ann. Soc. Linn. Lyon, N. S.* 17: 125. 1869.
- = *Verbascum blattaria* L. var. *brevipedicellatum* Halácsy, in *Ost. bot. Zeitschr.* XLII: 419. 1892. Type: [GREECE]. Insula Thasos. Limenas, in pratis arenosis in oliveto. 04 June 1891, *P. Sintenis & J. F. N. Bornmüller* 655 (Lectotype, designated here: LD [LD1393506 image!]; isolectotypes JE [JE00012328 image!], K [K000806399 image!], B [B100278360 image!, B100278359 image!]. [image of lectotype available at <https://plants.jstor.org/stable/viewer/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.ld1393506>]. (2)
- = *Verbascum blattaria* var. *crenatum* Rouy in Rouy & Foucaud, *Fl. France* 11: 10. 1909.

- = *Verbascum rhinanthifolium* Davidov in Trav. Soc. Bulg. Sci. Nat. 8: 101. 1915.
- = *Verbascum carduifolium* Murb. ex. Hayek, Repert. Spec. Nov. Regni Veg. Beih. 30(2): 131. 1929. ≡ *Verbascum blattaria* var. *carduifolium* Murb., in Lunds Univ. Arsskrift, 2n.f., 29 (2): 567. 1933. Type: [GREECE]. Malakasi; in vinetis, 17 June 1896, *P. Sintenis*, 632. (leolotype, designated here: B [B100278358 image!]; isolectotypes: WU [WU0126534 image!], LD [LD1364911 image!, LD1395023 image!, LD1392908 image!, LD1394623 image!]). [image of lectotype available at https://plants.jstor.org/stable/viewer/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.b_10_0278358]. (3)
- = *Verbascum blattaria* var. *gracilipes* Murb. in Lunds Univ. Arsskrift, 2n.f., 29 (2): 566. 1933. Type: [GREECE]. Volo: Portaria, in vinetis, 02 September 1896, *P. Sintenis* 1301 (Lectotype, designated here: B [B100278357 image!]; isolectotypes: JE [JE00012330 image!, JE00012331 image!]; WU [WU0126494 image!]). [GREECE]. In valle Tempe: prope Papapuli 28–31 July 1913, *B. Tuntas*, 1954 (Residual syntype: WU [WU0126493!]; In valle Tempe: prope Papapuli 28–31 July 1913, *B. Tuntas*, 1955 (Residual syntype: WU [WU0126492 image!]). [image of lectotype available at https://plants.jstor.org/stable/viewer/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.b_10_0278357]. (4)
- = *Verbascum blattaria* var. *brachycalyx* Murb. in Lunds Univ. Arsskrift, 2n.f., 29 (2): 567. 1933. Type: [GREECE]. Insula Zakyntos (Zante): in humidis montis Skopos; reg. infer, 4 May 1926, *J. F. N. Bornmüller* 1177 (Lectotype, designated here: B [B100278364 image!]; isolectotypes: B [B100278363 image!]). [GREECE]. Insula Kephalaria, in olivetis ad Argostoli, 23 May 1926, *J. F. N. Bornmüller* 1174 (Residual syntype: JE [JE00012329 image!], S [S10-26942 image!, S12-12718 image!]). [GREECE]. Insula Zakyntos (Zante), in herbidum montis Skopos, 04 May 1926, *J. F. N. Bornmüller* 1177 (Residual syntype: S [S10-26943 image!]). [GREECE]. Insula Zakyntos (Zante); in olivetis 23 May 1926, *J. F. N. Bornmüller* 1174 (Residual syntype: B [B100278367 image!]). [GREECE]. Insula Zakyntos (Zante); in olivetis, 02 May 1926, *J. F. N. Bornmüller* 1175 (Residual syntype: B [B100278366 image!]). [image of lectotype available at https://plants.jstor.org/stable/viewer/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.b_10_0278364]. (5)

Type. (lectotype was designated by Huber-Morath 1971, pg. 143): LINN [Herb. Linn. No. 242.6.].

Notes. Original material is kept in the Linnaean Herbarium at the Linnean Society of London; an image of the lectotype is available at <http://linnean-online.org/1836/>.

(2) No specimens were cited in the protologue (Halácsy 1892) of *Verbascum blattaria* L. var. *brevipedicellatum*. However, according to Murbeck (1933) the description of this taxon was based on material collected by Sintenis and Bornmüller from 1883 to 1892 in Greece. We have located five sheets that have been lodged at the following four Herbs: LD (LD1393506), JE (JE00012328), K (K000806399), and B (B100278360, B100278359), the labels' data of which correspond to those reported by Murbeck (1933). Hence, these specimens are eligible and can be considered as original material. The sheet LD1393506 preserved at Herb. LD is here selected as the lectotype of the name *Verbascum blattaria* L. var. *brevipedicellatum*.

(3) The name of *Verbascum carduiifolium* was first published by Murbeck (1925: 168), but without a description. Four years later, Hayek (1929) gave the description of *V. carduiifolium* Murb. ex. Hayek and mentioned a locality “The.” [as an abbreviation of Thessalia]. Four years later, the taxonomic status of this species has been assessed by Murbeck (1933: 567) and he regarded it as a variety under *Verbascum blattaria* L. In addition to the morphological description, Murbeck (1933) cited an element collected by P. Sintenis viz. “In monte pindo Malakasi, in pratis supra pagum. determ. Leg. P. Sintenis 17 /6/ 1896, n. 632” and he indicated the herbaria (B, WU, LD) that housed the specimens he surveyed. We located six sheets, all of them from the locality given in the protologue, belonging to the Sintenis collections: B (Barcode B100278358), WU (WU0126534) and LD (LD1364911, LD1395023, LD1392908, LD1394623) at Herb. The sheet B100278358 conserved at Herb. B is here designated as lectotype for the name *V. carduiifolium*.

(4) In the protologue of *Verbascum blattaria* var. *gracilipes*, Murbeck (1933) cited 11 gatherings, but he does not provide the name of the herbarium where the original material has been deposited. Six sheets from three different Herbs (B, JE, WU) were traced only: B (Barcode B100278357), JE (JE00012330, JE00012331) and WU (WU0126492, WU0126493, WU0126494). All of these specimens are consistent with the location and diagnosis given in the protologue and can be considered as original material. Since no specimen-type has been designated, all of these specimens can be considered syntypes under Art. 9.6 of the ICN (Turland et al. 2018). The specimen B100278357 preserved at Herb. P is selected here as the lectotype for the name of this variety.

(5) In describing *Verbascum blattaria* var. *brachycalyx*, Murbeck (1933) referred to eight collections made in five different regions in Greece, but he did not designate a single type for the name. We traced eight specimens in Herbs. B (B100278364, B100278363, B100278367, B100278366), S (S10-26942, S10-26943, S12-12718) and JE (JE00012329) which can be considered original material. We here designate the specimen B100278364 preserved at Herb. B as the lectotype of the name *V. blattaria* var. *brachycalyx* since it is well preserved.

***Verbascum boerhavii* L. Sp. Pl. 1: 177. 1753, Syst. Nat. ed. 12, 2: 169. 1767, Mant. Pl.: 45. 1767.**

= *Verbascum majale* DC., in Fl. Franç. 6: 415. 1815.

= *Verbascum bicolor* Badarò in Brugnati. Giorn. Fis. Dec. II. vii.: 365. 1824.

= *Lychnitis boerhavii* (L.) Fourr. in Ann. Soc. Linn. Lyon ser. 2 17: 125. 1869.

= *Celsia floccosa* Porta, in Nuovo Giorn. Bot. Ital. 19: 313. 1887, nom. illegit., non Benth.

= *Verbascum portae* Willk. in Ill. Fl. Hispan. 2: 124. 1888.

= *Verbascum boerhavii* var. *knochei* Benedí, Orell & J.J.Orell in Butll. Inst. Catalana Hist. Nat. 57: 62. 1989.

- = *Verbascum boerhavii* var. *longebracteatum* Willk., Suppl. Prodr. Fl. Hispan.: 170. 1893.
- = *Verbascum majale* var. *bicolor* (Badarò) Rouy in Rouy & Foucaud, Fl. France 11: 9. 1909.
- = *Verbascum majale* var. *lanceolatum* Rouy in Rouy & Foucaud, Fl. France 11: 9. 1909.
- = *Verbascum boerhavii* var. *portae* (Willk.) Knoche, Fl. Balear. 2: 367. 1922.
- = *Verbascum boerhavii* f. *bicolor* (Badarò) Murb., in Acta Univ. Lund. ser. 2 29(2): 159. 1933.
- = *Verbascum hookerianum* var. *pseudocalycinum* Maire & Murb. in Bull. Sco. D'Hist. Nat. Afr. Du Nord 18: 84. 1927. Type: [MOROCCO]. Grand Atlas, Reraya: rocailles porphyriques au-dessous du Tizi-n-Tagherat, 2600–2800 m, 21 July 1922, *R. Maire s.n.* (lectotype, designated here: RAB [RAB030509!]). [MOROCCO]. Grand Atlas, Reraya: rocailles porphyriques au-dessous du Tizi-n-Tagherat, 2500–2800 m, 23 July 1922, *R. Maire s.n.* (Residual syntype: MPU [MPU010269!; MPU010270!]). [MOROCCO]. Grand Atlas, Reraya: rocailles porphyriques au-dessous du Tizi-n-Tagherat, 3000 m, 23 July 1922, *R. Maire s.n.* (Residual syntype: MPU [MPU010268!]). [image of lectotype available at <https://plants.jstor.org/stable/viewer/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.rab030509>] (2)
- = *Verbascum boerhavii* subsp. *portae* (Willk.) Malag., Sin. Fl. Ibér. 92: 1465. 1978.

Type. (lectotype designated by Ferrer-Gallego 2014, pg. 253. 2014): LINN [Herb. Linn. No. 242.2!]. (1)

Notes. Original material is kept in the Linnaean Herbarium at the Linnean Society of London; an image of the lectotype is available at <http://linneanonline.org/1832/>.

(2) Maire and Murbeck (in Murbeck 1927) described *V. hookerianum* var. *pseudocalycinum* on the basis of specimens collected from Reraya region in the Great Atlas, Morocco. However, the protologue does not give the name of the herbarium where the original material was deposited. The search for type material brought us to four specimens housed at Herb. RAB (RAB030509) and at Herb. MPU (MPU010269; MPU010270, MPU010268). The sheet RAB030509 stored at herb RAB is here selected as the lectotype for the name *V. hookerianum* var. *pseudocalycinum*.

***Verbascum calycinum* Ball, in J. Bot. 13: 172. 1875.**

Type. [MOROCCO]. High Atlas: rocks of the Ait Mesan valley 1300–1400 m, 13–16 May 1871, *J. Ball, s.n.* (Lectotype, designated here: K [K000410936!]; isolectotype: K [K000410937!], P [P03420188!]). [image of lectotype available at <https://plants.jstor.org/stable/viewer/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.k000410936>]

Notes. In the protologue of *Verbascum calycinum*, Ball (1875) cited one gathering and he mentioned the collection locality reading “Legimus in regione inferiori Atlantis Majoris, convalle Ait Mesanet prope Sketana”. However, he did not quote any herbarium that houses the original material or accession numbers specified, nor the date of

collection. According to Stafleu and Cowan (1976–1988), the main collections of Ball are preserved at Herbs E and K, and also some at Herbs OXF and GL. During searches of Ball's collections from Morocco, three specimens were traced. One of them is kept at Herb. P (P03420188) and another is stored at Herb. K (K000410937) and is mounted on the same sheet with K000410936. Both specimens K000410937 and P03420188 bear a label reading: "Iter Maroccanum. 1871 / *Verbascum calycinum*, Ball / Ex regione inferiori Atlantis Majoris, prope Sketana, alt. 1300–1400 met / Majo 18–19 / *J. A. ball* /". However, the specimen K000410936 bears a label reading "Ex rupibus arenaceis Atlantis Majoris in convalle Ait Mesan, alt. 1400–2000 met / Majo 13–16 / *J. A. ball* /". All of those sheets were collected by Ball in the High Atlas, Morocco. As the collection locality of both specimens K000410937 and P03420188 agree closely with the protologue, they can be safely considered as original material under Art. 9.4. of the ICN (Turland et al. 2018). In accordance with Art. 9.3 of ICN (Turland et al. 2018), the sheet K000410937 preserved at Herb. K is selected here as the lectotype, because it shows the best quality of preservation of the important diagnostic features.

***Verbascum creticum* (L.) Cav., in Elench. Pl. Horti Matr. 39. 1803.**

- ≡ *Celsia cretica* L., in Syst. Veg. ed. 13: 470. 1774. Type: [ITALY]. Ponae Ital. [Lectotype, designated here: Herb. Linn. No. 774.3 (LINN)! (image available at: <http://linnean-online.org/7174/>); isolectotype: Linn. No. 774.4 (LINN)! (image available at <http://linnean-online.org/7175/>)]. (1)
- = *Verbascum lyratum* Lam., Encyclop. 4: 223. 1797, nom. illegit., non *V. lyratum* Pourret, Mém. Acad. Toulouse, ser. 1, 3: 332. 1788 (= *V. chaixii* Vill).
- = *Ditoxia lyrata* Raf., in Précis Découv. Somiol.: 40. 1814, nom. illegit.
- = *Celsia lyrata* (Lam.) G. Don, in Gen. Syst. 4: 499. 1837, nom. illegit.
- = *Thapsandra cretica* (L.) Griseb., in Spic. Fl. Rumel. 2: 40. 1844.
- = *Celsia cavanillesii* Kunze in Flora 29: 698. 1846.
- = *Verbascum creticum* (L.) Kuntze, in Revis. Gen. Pl.: 468. 1891, comb. nov. superfl.
- = *Celsia balearica* Gand. in Fl. Eur. 16: 112. 1889, nom. inval.
- = *Celsia cretica* subsp. *balearica* Gand. ex Gand., in Nov. Consp. Fl. Eur.: 345. 1910.
- = *Lasiake lyratum* (Lam.) Raf., Fl. Tellur. 4: 89. 1838. nom. illegit.
- = *Celsia verbascifolia* R. Hern. ex J.J. Rodr., Fl. Menorca: 94. 1901, nom. nud.
- = *Celsia cretica* f. *pallenscens* Maire, in Bull. Soc. Hist. Nat. Afrique N. 22: 308. 1931. Type: [ALGERIA]. Bône, pentes de l'Edough, grès, 600 m., 30 April 1930, R. Maire s.n (lectotype, designated here: MPU [MPU002670]!; isolectotype: MPU [MPU002671]!). [image of lectotype available at <https://plants.jstor.org/stable/viewer/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.mpu002670>] (2)

Notes. (1) Linnaeus (1774: 470) described *Celsia cretica* in *Species Plantarum* as new nomen specificum legitimum. The diagnosis consists of "*Cretica, C. fol. Inferioribus lyratis, superioribus ovati samplexi caulibus*" followed by a synonym, "*Blattaria perennis cretica incana*,

foliis binis conjugatis” that was cited from Morison (1680: 488). The protologue also includes a morphological description “*Folia pinnato-lyrata alterna: Superiora simplicis; cordato-amplexicolia. Calyces serrati. Filamenta 4: duobus superioribus pilofis; inferioribus, laevibus antheris que majoribus. Corolla flavae fundo superiore maculis 2. ferrugineis*”. However, the collection locality is not indicated. Seven years later, in his *Supplementum Plantarum Systematis Vegetabilium*, Linnaeus [son] (1781: 281) gave a detailed morphological description of *Celsia cretica*, along with the statement “*Habitat in India, Creta*” followed by the symbol “♂” indicating the gender of the particular organs or individuals within a composite plate, according to Simpson (2010). Moreover, another polynomial “*Verbascum foliis radicalibus ovatis petiolatis, caulinis oblongis sessilimus serratis, subtus tomentosus*” from Miller (1758: 182, ic. t. 273) were cited in synonymy.

Among the original material of the genus *Celsia*, preserved in Linnaean herbaria, three sheets relevant to *Celsia cretica* were found: the first (Herb. Linn. No. 774.3, image available at: <http://linnean-online.org/7174/>) is annotated at the bottom “*celsia cretica*” and “774.3” at above the right hand of the sheet by Linnaeus. The second specimen (Herb. Linn. No. 774.4, image available at: <http://linnean-online.org/7175/>) is annotated “*cretica*” at the base and “774.4” at above the right corner of the sheet. Both specimens are clearly showing the characters mentioned in the Linnaeus [son] (1781) diagnosis. After careful examination of the available collections and consideration of all elements in the protologue, the sheet No. 774.3 is the most complete and well conserved, and it is designated here as the lectotype of the name *Verbascum creticum*. However, the sheet No. 774.4 is selected here as the isolectotype.

(2) In the protologue of *Celsia cretica* f. *pallenscens*, Maire (1931) provided the following locality “Bône, pentes du Mont Edough, 300–700 m” but they did not specify the name of the herbarium where the type material has been stored. We traced three sheets (MPU002670, MPU002671), preserved at Her. MPU which is in complete accord with the protologue. The specimen MPU002670 is here chosen as the lectotype for the name *Celsia cretica* f. *pallenscens*.

***Verbascum demnatensis* (Maire & Murb.) Rankou, in Phytotaxa 78(1): 68. 2013.**

- ≡ *Celsia sinuata* var. *demnatensis* Maire & Murb., in Murbeck, Contr. Fl. Maroc: 40. 1923. Type: [MOROCCO]: Rocailles calcaires au N. d’El-Arba près Demnat 3 Avril 1921, R. Maire, s.n. (Lectotype, designated here: MPU [MPU004004]!; isolectotype P [P00083083]!). [(image available at <https://herbier.umontpellier.fr/zoomify/zoomify.php?fichier=MPU004004>)]
- = *Celsia lyrata* var. *demnatensis* (Maire & Murb.) Murb., in Lund. Univ. Arssk., n. f. 2, 22(1): 199. 1925.
- = *Celsia demnatensis* (Maire & Murb.) Maire in Bull. Soc. Hist. Nat. Afrique N. 29: 438. 1938.
- = *Verbascum pseudocreticum* subsp. *demnatense* (Maire & Murb.) Ibn Tattou, in Index Syn. Fl. Afrique N. 5: 304. 2013.

Notes. This taxon was firstly published by Maire and Murberk (1923) as *Celsia sinuata* Cav. var. *demnatensis* Maire & Murb., and they referred to a plant collected by R. Maire in 1921 near Demnat, Morocco (Maire, 1938). In the protologue, the locality, collector, and collection date were indicated as follows: “Rocailles calcaires au N. d’El-Arba, près Demnat, Dr R. Maire, 3 avril 1921”. As mentioned above, the main René Maire herbarium of plants from North Africa is now in Herb. MPU (Staffeu and Cowan 1976–1988). During our research, only two herbarium sheets kept at Herbs MPU (MPU004004) and P (P00083083) were traced, which were all collected by Maire. The sheet MPU004004 contains a plant fragment, with leaves, mature fruits, and some young flowers at the upper part of the inflorescence, and two original labels handwritten by Maire; the first one reads “Université d’Alger / Herbier de l’Afrique du Nord / *Celsia sinuata* Cavon. var. / M. Rocailles calcaires au N. d’El-Arba, près Demnat / 3-4-1921/ Dr R. Maire” and the second label states “*Celsia sinuata* Cavon. var. *a typo differt statura minore calyce ± glandulosa, radice perenni*”. This sheet goes with a “letter” from Maire to Murbeck saying that he considered this new sample to be a new variety of *Celsia sinuata* Cav., and gave a diagnosis. The sheet P00083083 bears a fragment of root with basal leaves and a complete plant with flowers and an original label handwritten by Maire noting the same locality, collection date, and collector as those of the sheet at Herb. MPU. Anyway, these sheets agree with the protologue and are original material; in consequence the sheet MPU004004 preserved at Herb. MPU is selected here as lectotype.

***Verbascum dentifolium* Delile, in Sem. Hort. Bot. Monsp.: 28 1836, Ann. Sci. Nat., Bot., sér. 2, 7: 287 (1837)**

- = *Verbascum granatense* Boiss., in Voy. Bot. Espagne 2: 441. 1841. Type: [Spain]. Alhambra [*P. E. Boissier*] s.n. (lectotype, designated by Burdet et al. 1990, pg. 623: G [G00002293]!).
- = *Verbascum cossonianum* Ball, in J. Linn. Soc., Bot. 16: 583. 1878. Locality citation in the Protologue of Type: [MOROCCO]. Mar. merid. In provincia Mtouga prope castellum gubernatoris, 29 May 1871, *Ball, J.* s.n. Type: Non vidi.
- = *V. nevadense* sensu Batt., Fl. Algérie, Suppl. Phan.: 69. 1910. non Boiss.

Type. [FRANCE]. Hortus monspeliensis, Julio 1826, N:10 [*A. R. Delile*] s.n. (Lectotype designated here: MPU [MPU020145, MPU020144]!). [France]. Hortus Monspeliensis, July 1831, [*A. R. Delile*] s.n. (residual syntype: MPU [MPU020143]!). [images of lectotype available at (image available at <https://plants.jstor.org/stable/viewer/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.mpu020144> and at <https://plants.jstor.org/stable/viewer/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.mpu020145>)]

Notes. *Verbascum dentifolium* was described by Delile (1836: 28; 1837: 287) based on material growing in the Montpellier botanical garden from collections made in Port-Juvenal at Montpellier. Port-Juvenal was a place where lots of wool bales

were coming to France from the Middle East, introducing many species from seeds trapped in the wool. In his monograph of the genus *Verbascum*, Murbeck (1933) discussed in some detail the distribution and synonyms of a species to which this name has generally been applied, but he did not designate a lectotype for the name *V. dentifolium*. According to Murbeck (1933) the original material is kept at herbarium of Montpellier (MPU), in France. Research in Herb. MPU enabled us to locate two specimens bearing Delile's handwritten labels and agreeing closely with the protologue's description. The first one is mounted on two sheets. These two preparations, bearing the Herb. MPU barcodes MPU020144 and MPU020145, have a label reading "*Verbascum*, h. m. Julio 1826, N:10" that is accompanied by two other labels in which Delile gave a description of the species. According to Art. 8.3 of the ICN (Turland et al. 2018), the sheets (MPU020144 and MPU020145) must be considered as a single specimen. The second specimen (MPU020146) bears a label reading "*Verbascum dentifolium*, h. m. Julio 1831". Since the type is not specified, the two specimens are to be considered as syntypes according to Art. 9.6 of the ICN (Turland et al. 2018). The sheet corresponding to Herb. MPU barcodes MPU020144 and MPU020145 and with the collection date "Julio 1826" is selected here as the lectotype for the name *Verbascum dentifolium*.

***Verbascum erosum* Cav., Elench. Pl. Hort. Matrit.: 38. 1803.**

- = *Celsia sinuata* Cav., in Anal. Cienc. Nat. 3: 68. 1801.
- = *Celsia laciniata* Poir., Lam., in Encycl., Suppl. 2: 147. 1811.
- = *Celsia barnadesii* (Vahl) G. Don fil. var. *baetica* Willk., in Ill. Fl. Hispan. 2(14): 55. 1888.
- = *Celsia jeriaensis* Pérez Lara, in Willk. Ill. Fl. Hispan. 2(14): 56. 1888, nom. nud.
- = *Verbascum laciniatum* (Poir.) Kuntze, in Rev. Gen. 469. 1891.
- = *Celsia baetica* (Willk.) Murb., in Lunds Univ. Arsskrift, n. s. 17 (9): 3. 1921.
- = *Celsia baetica* (Willk.) Font Quer, in Butll. Inst. Catalana Hist. Nat. 26: 56. 1926. comb. nov. superfl.
- = *Celsia lyrata* var. *sinuata* (Cav.) Maire, in Jahand. & Maire, Cat. Pl. Maroc: 668. 1934.

Type. [MOROCCO]: Tánger vicinii, [Without date], *Broussonet, s.n.* (lectotype, designated by Benedí and Montserrat 1985, pg.104): MA [MA108913]).

Notes. This species was originally described as *Celsia sinuata* by Cavanilles (1801: 68) based on material collected by Broussonet in Tangier, Morocco (Benedí and Montserrat 1998). When the genus *Celsia* was subsumed in the genus *Verbascum* the epithet *sinuata* could not be used for this species as it already exists in the combination *Verbascum sinuatum* L. for another species. We concur with the conclusion of Benedí and Montserrat (1985) that the correct name for this plant in question is *V. erosum* Cav.

***Verbascum faurei* (Murb.) Hub.-Mor., in *Bauhinia* 5: 12. 1973.**

≡ *Celsia faurei* Murb., in *Lunds Univ. Arsskrift*, 2 n.f., 17(9): 7. 1921. Type: [ALGERIA]. Oued-Imbert (dépt d'Oran). Lieux rocailleux, 4 Juin 1911, *A. Faure*, 304 [Superseeded lectotype, selected by Benedí and Montserrat 1997, pg. 168 (Art. 9.19 of the ICN; Turland et al. 2018); lectotype, designated here: LD [LD1244709]!]. [ALGERIA]. Algérie. Oued-Imbert: Talus de la voie ferrée vers les Lauriers-Roses, 29 Mai 1921, *A. Faure*, s.n. (residual syntype: LD [LD1223485, LD1223785, LD1223665, LD1220485]!). [image of lectotype available at <https://plants.jstor.org/stable/viewer/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.ld1244709>]

Notes. Murbeck (1921) described *Celsia faurei* based on collections done by A. Faure in western Algeria. The author in the protologue includes an explicit reference to the locality (Algeria, Oran: Between Imbert River and the railway embankment), with several years for the collection (1911, 1916, 1918, and 1921) and the herbarium where the original material are kept (LD). Benedí and Montserrat (1997) designated the A. Faure material at Herb. MPU as lectotype and that preserved at Herb. LD as isotype. However, the material kept at Herb. MPU cannot be considered as original material since the herbarium that housed the type specimens is indicated in the protologue. The lectotype designation by Benedí and Montserrat (1997) is obviously flawed and cannot be considered here because it is in conflict with the protologue according to Art. 9.19 of the ICN (Turland et al. 2018). Pertaining to the original material specification provided in the protologue, five specimens at Herb. LD were traced (LD1223785, LD1220485, LD1223485, LD1223665, and LD1244709) on which are stamped "Type". In the absence of indicating a single specimen as the holotype, all of the specimens cited in the protologue are to be treated as syntypes (Art. 9.6 of ICN, Turland et al. 2018). The sheet LD1244709 is chosen here as the lectotype, because it shows the best quality of preservation of the important diagnostic features of the taxon. However, the other remaining specimens (LD1223485, LD1223785, LD1223665, LD1220485) traced are referred to as original material following the Art. 9.4 of ICN (Turland et al. 2018).

***Verbascum faurei* subsp. *acanthifolium* (Pau) Benedí & J.M.Monts., *Lagascalia* 20: 169. 1997.**

≡ *Celsia acanthifolia* Pau in *Font Quer. Iter Maroc*. n° 566. 1927. Type: [MOROCCO]. pr. Badú (Atlante rhiphaeo); Hab. in saxosis, solo schistose, 6 July 1927, *P. Font Quer*, 566 (lectotype, selected by Benedí and Montserrat 1997, pg. 169, first step "type", as "*Font Quer 566-1927*"; second step, designated here: BC [BC43694]!; isotypes: LD [LD1222710]!, GDA [GDA39155]!, G [G00015117]!, MPU [MPU009627, MPU009628]!, BCN [BCN18029]!, BM [BM000930561]!). [image available at http://psimg.jstor.org/fsi/img/pdf/i0/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.bc43694_normal.pdf]

- ≡ *Celsia acanthifolia* Pau, in *Cavanillesia* 1: 47. 1928, nom. nud.
 ≡ *Celsia faurei* var. *acanthifolia* (Pau) Maire in *Jahand. & Maire. Cat. Pl. Maroc.* 3: 669 (1934).

Notes. Font Quer (1927) based his species on a collection of plants from the Rif region that he has gathered during his 1927 campaign in Morocco. Font Quer gave the following diagnosis “Folia Acanthi mollis L., superiora oblonga, sinuato-dentata, floribus longe pedunculatis, pedicellis glanduliferis, racemosis; bractae lanceolatae brevissimae, calycis laciniae lanceolatae, margine integro, capsula globosa, obtusa calyce triplo longior” with the collection locality “hab. in saxosis, pr. Badù (Atlante rhiphaeo), 1500 m. alt., solo schistoso, 6 julii”. This protologue has been validly published by González-Bueno (1988). According to Nualart (2017), Benedí and Montserrat (1997) wrongly cited the collection number of the lectotype as “BC436934” instead of “BC43694”. So, in addition to the specimen kept at Herb. BC (BC43694), seven other specimens are in agreement with the description in the protologue. They are housed at Herbs LD (LD1222710), GDA (GDA39155), G (G00015117), MPU (MPU009627, MPU009628), BCN (BCN18029), and BM (BM000930561). According to Art. 9.6 of the ICN (Turland et al. 2018), all of these specimens and those persevered at Herb. BC must be treated as syntypes. The designation by Benedí and Montserrat (1997) can be considered here as a first-step typification (see Art. 9.17 of the ICN, Turland et al. 2018). As the herbarium specimen BC43694 [mounted on three sheets] kept at Herb. BC is the one showing the best quality of preservation of morphological features described in the protologue, we select it here as second-step lectotype of the name.

The taxonomic status of *Celsia acanthifolia* has been assessed by some authors. Maire (in Jahandiez and Maire 1934) regarded it as a variety under *Celsia faurei* Murb. [*C. faurei* var. *acanthifolia* (Pau) Maire]. Later, Benedí and Montserrat (1997) raised it to the rank of subspecies and they published it as a new combination, *Verbascum faurei* (Murb.) Hub.-Morath subsp. *acanthifolium* (Pau) Benedí & J.M.Monts.

***Verbascum fontanesii* Benedí, in *Anales Jard. Bot. Madrid* 60(2): 459. 2003.**

- = *Celsia betonicifolia* Desf., in *Flora Atlantica* 2: 58. 1798. Type: [ALGERIA]. In arvis in cultis Algeriae, [without date], *R. L. Desfontaines, s.n.* (Lectotype, designated by Benedí 2003, pg. 459: P [P-DESF]!; isolectotype G [00439692]!).
 = *Verbascum betonicifolium* (Desf.) Kunze, *Revis. Gen. Pl.*: 469. 1891, nom. illegit. non *V. betonicifolium* Desf. in *Ann. Mus. Natl. Hist. Nat.* 11: 54. 1808.
 = *Ditoxia betonicifolia* (Desf.) Raf., *Prec. Découv. Somiol.*: 40. 1814.

Notes. Benedí (2003) indicated as a lectotype the Desfontaines collection kept at Herb. P [P-DESF] but he omitted to mention another sheet of this collection kept at Herb. G (image available at <https://plants.jstor.org/stable/viewer/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.g00439692>). According to Lasègue (1845) and Stafleu and Cowan (1976–1988), around

600 Flora Atlantica plants was given by Desfontaines to Lemonnier and was acquired by Delessert with the Lemonnier herbarium at Herb. G. In Herb. G we have traced one sheet, with barcode G00439692, that is stamped (Typus). This sample matches the collection locality in the protologue and it is the one that morphologically agrees best with the original description. This specimen bears two labels. The first has “*Celsia betonicifolia* Desf., Fl. Atl. [Desfontaines’ handwriting]”; the second is a printed label including, name, locality, reference, and a short historical French comment, and is annotated “R-L Desfontaines, Herbar de Barbarie / *Celsia betonicifolia* Desf. Loc: in arvis inculus Algeriae / Desf. Fl. Atl. II, P; 58, Tab. / Série de 600 n^{os} donnée par Desfontaines à L.-G. Lemnier; acquise en 1803 par B. Delessert: revue en 1928 et 1829 par Desfontaines pour servir à illustrer les types décrits dans Flora Atlantica, incorporé en 1916 dans la collection générale de l’Herbier Delessert.- Voyage Lasègue musée botanique de M. Benjamin Delessert. p 60”.

***Verbascum gaetulum* (Maire) Murb., in Bull. Soc. Hist. Nat. Afrique N. 18: 82. 1927.**

- ≡ *Verbascum thapsus* subsp. *gaetulum* Maire, in Bull. Soc. Hist. Nat. Afrique N. 9: 182. 1918. Type: Morocco]: Djebel Araïra, lits des oueds, 1400 m, 29 Mai 1918, R. Maire, s.n. (Lectotype, designated here: MPU [MPU000364]!; isolectotype: MPU[MPU000365]!). [image of lectotype available at <https://plants.jstor.org/stable/viewer/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.mpu000364>]
- ≡ *Verbascum simplex* var. *gaetulum* (Maire) Maire, in Cat. Pl. Maroc 3: 665. 1934.

Notes. Maire (1918) published the name *Verbascum thapsus* subsp. *gaetulum* based on a collection made by himself at the foothills of Araïra Mountain, Morocco. He also observed that this plant was very common in this locality. In the protologue, the author indicated that this plant has an intermediate morphology between *V. thapsus* L. and *V. simplex* Hoffmanns. and Link, but differed from both by its spatulate stigma and its tetrandrous or sub-tetrandrous flowers. Murbeck (1927) raised *V. thapsus* subsp. *gaetulum* to species rank. However, a few years later, Maire (in Jahandiez and Maire 1934) classified this taxon with the rank of variety in *V. simplex*, but without any justification for this new recombination. According to African Plant Database (APD) (2022), the accepted name should be *V. gaetulum* (Maire) Murb. despite Ibn Tattou (2007) also considering *V. thapsus* subsp. *gaetulum* an accepted taxon.

During our research, we have found two sheets (MPU000364, MPU000365) corresponding to the original material of this taxon preserved at Herb. MPU, where the main collection of Maire is kept. According to Stafleu and Cowan (1976–1988), if the original material of Dr. R. Maire are preserved at Herb. MPU, there are important sets of duplicates at Herbs AI, CAIM, P, and RAB. Since no holotype was specified, the cited specimens are all syntypes under the Art. 9.6 of the ICN (Turland et al. 2018). Therefore, the specimen MPU000364 is selected here as the lectotype, because it is the best original material, more complete and informative than the specimen MPU000365, even if this latter is accompanied by a handwritten detailed morphological description by Maire.

***Verbascum hookerianum* Ball, in J. Linn. Soc. Bot. 16: 584. 1878.**

- = *Verbascum tagadirtense* Murb., in Murbeck, Contr. Fl. Maroc 2(19): 39. 1923. ≡ *Verbascum hookerianum* var. *tagadirtense* (Murb.) Murb., in Bull. Soc. Hist. Nat. Afrique N. 18: 83. 1927. Type: [MOROCCO]. Région du Grand Atlas: Tagadirt N'Bourd, c. 1000 m, 09 May 1921, *Sv. Murbeck s.n.* (lectotype, designated here: LD [LD1216036]!; isolectotypes LD [LD1215976]!). (2)
- = *Verbascum hookerianum* var. *ballii* Murb., in Bull. Soc. Hist. Nat. Afrique N. 18: 83. 1927, nom. nov. superfl.

Type. [MOROCCO]. South Morocco Greater Atlas, May 1871, *Hooker s. n.* (lectotype, designated here: K [K000410848]!). [image of the lectotype available at <http://specimens.kew.org/herbarium/K000410848>] (1).

Notes. *Verbascum hookerianum*, was established by Ball (1878) based on a sample collected by Hooker in the district of Ourika at the foothills of the High Atlas Mountains in Morocco. Ball (1878) in his protologue did not use the term type or mention the herbarium that houses the type specimens. However, in his monograph of genus *Verbascum*, Murbeck (1933) indicated that the original material was kept at Herb. K. During our extensive research, we have traced only one sheet (K000410848) that is totally in agreement with the protologue. This sheet bears a label reading “*Verbascum hookerianum* Nob., South Morocco Greater Atlas, Coll. Dr. Hooker, May 1871” and includes a part of the inflorescence with basal leaf. Since the Herb. K has a single specimen of the Hooker collection, one may argue that the relevant specimen is the holotype. Nevertheless, Ball did not use the term type or mention the name of the herbarium housing the type. Therefore, we here designate the sheet K000410848 as lectotype of the name.

(2) The protologue of *V. tagadirtense* comprises a complete description in Latin, followed by the provenance “Région du Grand Atlas-. Pentes broussailleuses à Tagadirt N'Bourd, c. 900 m”, but no indication about the name of the herbarium where the type is preserved (Murbeck 1923). Ten years later, Murbeck (1933), in his monograph of the genus *Verbascum*, indicated that the original material can be found at Herb. LD. During the course of the pursuit, two sheets were traced at Herb. LD which were in accordance with the protologue. The specimen LD1216036 is here selected as a lectotype of *V. tagadirtense*.

***Verbascum letourneuxii* Asch. ex Asch. & Schweinf., Ill. Fl. Egypt 2: 189 & 114. 1887.**

- = *Verbascum spinosum* Delile, Fl. AEG. Illustr.: 55. 1813; non L. Cent. II. plant.: 10. 1756. & Amoen. Acad. IV: 307. 1759.
- = *Verbascum marniaricum* Letournex ap. Barbey Herboris, au Levant: 148. 1882, nom. nud.

= *Verbascum tourneuxii* Aschers., ap. Barbey 1. C: 182, nom. nud.. Aschers., ap. Aschers. & Schweinf. Illustr. l'I. d. Egypt. in Mém. Institut. Egypt., II: 114. 1887.

Type. [EGYPT]. In apricis calcareo-argillosis prope Oum Rakoumi et Matrouka in Marmorica ad limites Cyrenaicae, April 1879, A. Letourneux, s.n. (lectotype, designated here: G [G00015113]!; isolectotype: W [W1889-0043225]!, G [G00015111, G00015112, G00015114]!, S [S10-27120]!, K [K000975868]!, P [P03417358, P03417357, P03417360, P03417361]!). [image of lectotype available at <https://plants.jstor.org/stable/viewer/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.g00015113>].

Notes. Ascherson (in Ascherson and Schweinfurth 1887) described *Verbascum letourneuxii* on the basis of specimens separately collected by Ehrenberg and A. Letourneux from the Alexandria region in the north of Egypt. Within the protologue Ascherson and Schweinfurth (1887) confess that the specimen brought by Ehrenberg only constitutes a skeleton of a plant in fruit, while specimens collected by Letourneux, from a few kilometers from the collection locality of Ehrenberg, are well-developed specimens. However, the authors did not indicate the name of the herbarium housing the type specimen. According to Stafleu and Cowan (1976–1988), the original material of Ehrenberg, Letourneux, Ascherson and Schweinfurth were kept at Herbs B, C, G, K, L, LE, P, S, and W. Nevertheless, the Berlin (B) herbarium was bombed during World War II on the night of 1–2 March 1943 (Hiepko 1987); hence, a good part of the authors' collection has been lost (Stafleu and Cowan 1976–1988).

Based on the type specification given in the protologue (locality, collector, and collection date), eleven sheets were traced in different herbaria belonging to the Letourneux collections: W (W1889-0043225), G (G00015111, G00015112, G00015113, G00015114), S (S10-27120), K (K000975868), and P (P03417358, P03417357, P03417360, P03417361). Since the type has not been specified, all of the specimens are to be recognized as syntypes according to Art. 9.6 of the ICN (Turland et al. 2018). The sheet G00015113 preserved at Herb. G is here designated as lectotype for the name *V. letourneuxii*, since it is the specimen that shows the best quality of preservation of the important diagnostic features.

***Verbascum longirostre* (Murb.) Hub.-Mor. in *Bauhinia* 5(1): 13. 1973.**

≡ *Celsia longirostris* Murb., in Lunds Univ. Arsskrift, 2 n.f, 22(1): 190. 1925. Type: [MOROCCO]. Oudjan, Sud-Ouest du Maroc. 1875, A. S. Mardochée, s.n. (lectotype, designated here: P [P03425558]!, isolectotype: P [P03425557]!, K [K000410860, K000410861]!). [MOROCCO]. Chtouka, Sud-ouest du Maroc, 1875, A. S. Mardochée, s.n. (residual syntype: P [P03425553, P03425563]!). [MOROCCO]. Ida ouchemlal, Sud-ouest du Maroc, 1875, A. S. Mardochée, s.n. (residual syntype: P [P03425555, P03425559]!). [MOROCCO]. Districts de Tazeroualt et Issghivar jusqu'au Si Ahmed ou Moussa 1876, A. S. Mardochée, s.n. (residual syntype: P [P03425560]!). [MOROCCO]. Tamelat, Sud-ouest du Maroc, 1875, A. S. Mardochée,

s.n. (residual syntype: P [P03425565]!). [image of lectotype available at <https://science.mnhn.fr/institution/mnhn/collection/p/item/p0342555>] (1)
= *Celsia maroccana* Coss. (in sched) non Ball.

Notes. Murbeck (1925) described this species based on a collection made by A.S. Mardochée, a Moroccan plant specimen collector on account of French botanist Ernest Cosson. In the protologue, Murbeck (1925) cited several collections from south-west of Morocco as original material that are stored at Cosson's herbarium. The date and collection localities indicated in the protologue are: «Sud-Ouest du Maroc: Chtouka, Ida ouchemlal, Oudjan, Tamelat, 1875, Mardochée; Districts de Tazeroualt et Issghivar jusqu'au Si Ahmed ou Moussa, 1876, Mardochée; Ida Oubouzia, Takoust et Aït zelten, pays montagneux 1876, Mardochée». According to Stafleu and Cowan (1976–1988), the main collections of Cosson are preserved at Herb. P. During our searches we have traced ten specimens collected by Mardochée housed at Herb. P (P03425553, P03425555, P03425557, P03425558, P03425559, P03425560, P03425563, P03425565) and two at Herb. K (K000410860, K000410861). Detailed examination of all of them revealed that the plants and the information on the labels of the samples match well with the protologue description. Since no holotype is indicated in the protologue the ten specimens traced are all syntypes according to Art. 9.6 of the ICN (Turland et al. 2018). Therefore, we select here as the lectotype the sheet P03425558 because it is more complete and agrees best with the original description. This specimen bears two handwritten labels, one by Cosson: “*Celsia maroccana* Coss. *sp. nov.*! Oudjan, Sud-Ouest du Maroc. Mardochée 1875” and the other bears a 1924 annotation by Murbeck who correctly identified it as *C. longirostris* Murb.

Moreover, as mentioned by Murbeck (1925), Cosson (in sched.) have described this plant in question as a new species beneath the name “*Celsia maroccana*” accompanied by a handwritten diagnosis written by him on 24 August 1876. However, rendering to Murbeck (1925), Cosson has misinterpreted the plant in question as a new species because at the time mentioned he did not seem to have known that a related species was published a year earlier by Ball (1875: 172) under the name of *Celsia maroccana*.

***Verbascum longirostre* var. *antiatlantica* (Emb.) Khamar, comb. nov.**

urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:77318320-1

≡ *Celsia longirostris* var. *antiatlantica* Emb., in Bull. Soc. Sci. Nat. Maroc 15: 185. 1936. Type: [Morocco]: Anti-Atlas occidental: Falaises gréseuses du Kest, 1400–1500m, 2 May 1936, *L. Emberger*, *s.n.* (lectotype, designated here: RAB [RAB030634]!; isolectotype: RAB [RAB030632, RAB030633!, RAB030635]!, MPU [MPU006100, MPU006101]!). [image of lectotype available at <https://plants.jstor.org/stable/viewer/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.rab030634>]

Notes. Emberger (1936) cited a locality in the protologue of *Celsia longirostris* var. *antiatlantica*: “A A:in praeruptis siliceis montis Kest supra Imdrighis, 1500 m ubi maio floret”, but he did not indicate in which herbarium the specimen(s) were deposited. We have traced six specimens which agree with the protologue and from which to select the lectotype: Four preserved at herb. RAB (RAB030634, RAB030632, RAB030633, RAB030635) and two from Herb; MPU (MPU006100, MPU006101). The sheet RAB030634 kept at Herb. RAB is chosen here as the lectotype of this variety.

***Verbascum longirostre* var. *atlantica* (Maire) Khamar, comb. nov.**

urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:77318321-1

≡ *Celsia longirostris* var. *atlantica* Maire, in Maire, Contrib. Étude Fl. Afrique Nord 31: 29. 1940. Type: [Morocco]. in faucibus amnis Dades Atlantis Majoris, solo lapidoso calcareo. 1500m, 21 June 1939, R. Maire & M. Weiller, 355 (lectotype, designated here: MPU [MPU008974]!); isolectotype: RAB [RAB030628]!). [Morocco]. Grand Atlas: gorges de Tisgi au-dessus des sources du Todra, 11 Juin 1939, G. Malençon s.n (Residual syntype: MPU [MPU059325]!) [image of lectotype available at <https://plants.jstor.org/stable/viewer/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.mpu008974>]

Notes. *Celsia longirostris* var. *atlantica* was described Maire (1940) based on collections made by Malençon from Tisgi gorges above the sources of Todra and by Maire and Weiller from Dades gorges between 1500–1600 m alt., both of which are situated in the Great Atlas Mountain. Since no holotype was designated in the protologue, these collections should be treated as syntypes in accordance with Art. 9.6 of the ICN (Turland et al. 2018). Three specimens of both collections were traced at Herbs. RAB and MPU. Maire and Weiller’ collection, no. 355 consists of two sheets (RAB030628 and MPU008974), while Malençon’ collection comprises one sheet housed at Herb. MPU (MPU059325). Of these, the specimen MPU008974 housed at Herb. MPU is here selected as the lectotype for the name *Celsia longirostris* var. *atlantica* due to its high degree of preservation and as it agrees well with the protologue.

***Verbascum longirostre* var. *hoggarica* (Maire) Khamar, comb. nov.**

urn:lsid:ipni.org:names:77318322-1

≡ *Celsia longirostris* var. *hoggarica* Maire, in Maire, Contrib. Étude Fl. Afrique Nord 31: 29. 1940. Type [Algeria]. In ditione Ahaggar: Tin-Ouzel, granit et roches volcaniques, 2070 m, 31 Mars 1928, R. Maire, 880 (lectotype, designated here: MPU [MPU004308]!). [Algeria]. In montibus Tefedest, in alveo lapidoso granitico amnis Araghan, 1100 m, 10 Avril 1928, R. Maire 881 (residual syntype: MPU [MPU004307]!). [Algeria]. Hoggar: Oued Tamanghasset, 28 Février 1933, J. Lauriol, 363 (residual syntype: MPU [MPU004306]!). [Algeria]. Hoggar: ravins de l’Adrar Haggerane, 03 Mars

1933, *J. Lauriol, s.n.* (residual syntype: MPU [MPU059321]!). [Algeria]. In ditione Ahaggar: Tezzeit, in rupestribus basalticis, 1700–1800 m, 4 Avril 1928, *R. Maire 879* (residual syntype: MPU [MPU004304, MPU004305]!). In ditione [Algeria]. In ditione Ahaggar: in rupestribus graniticis secus amnem Tihaliouin, 2150 m, 22 Martii 1928, *R. Maire 876* (residual syntype: MPU [MPU059319]!). [Algeria]. In ditione Ahaggar: Imerera in rupestribus basalticis, 1950–2000 m, 23 Martii 1928, *R. Maire 874* (residual syntype: MPU [MPU059318]!). [Algeria]. In montibus Atokor-n-Ahaggar: in rupestribus graniticis secus amnem Haman, 2000–2001 m, 14 Martii 1928, *R. Maire 875* (residual syntype: MPU [MPU059322]!). [Algeria]. In montibus Atokor-n-Ahaggar: in alvio amnis Temmes-Lezzemt, solo granitico, 2000 m, 15 Martii 1928, *R. Maire 878* (residual syntype: MPU [MPU059306]!). [Algeria]. In ditione Ahaggar: Issekkarassen in rupestribus basalticis, 2070 m 22 Martii 1928, *R. Maire 877* (residual syntype: MPU [MPU059320]!). [image of lectotype available at <https://plants.jstor.org/stable/viewer/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.mpu004308>]

Notes. When *Celsia longirostris* var. *hoggarica* was published (Maire 1940), the protologue listed nine collections, but no particular herbarium sheet was chosen as the holotype. We have traced eleven sheets (MPU004304, MPU004305, MPU004306, MPU004307, MPU004308, MPU059306, MPU059318, MPU059319, MPU059320, MPU059321, and MPU05932) preserved at Herb MPU that fit the protologue perfectly. The specimen MPU004308 appears to be the best preserved one and it shows more of the diagnostic features that are described in the protologue. Therefore, it is the best candidate for typification and is chosen here as the lectotype for the name *C. longirostris* var. *hoggarica* according to Arts. 9.3 and 9.4 of the ICN (Turland et al. 2018).

***Verbascum lychnitis* L., Sp. Pl. 1: 177. 1753.**

- = *Verbascum album* Mill., in Gardeners Dictionary, Edition 8. London: 3. 1768.
- = *Blattaria alba* Medik., in Vorles. Churpfälz. Phys.-Okon. Ges. 4(1): 230. 1789.
- = *Verbascum biebersteinii* Besser, Index Seminum (KALIN) 1820: 8. 1820.
- = *Verbascum micranthum* Moretti, Giornale di Fisica II, 5: 111. 1822.
- = *Verbascum weldenii* F.Braun ex Moretti, Giornale di Fisica II, 5: 43. 1822.
- = *Verbascum incanum* Gaudin, in Fl. Helv. 2: 121. 1828.
- = *Verbascum orchideum* Host, in Fl. Austriaca 1: 288. 1827.
- = *Verbascum leucanthemum* Dufour ex Gren. & Godr., in Grenier, Fl. France 2: 552. 1853.
- ≡ *Thapsus lychnitis* (L.) Raf., in Flora Telluriana 4: 89. 1838.
- ≡ *Lychnitis alba* Fourr., in Annales de la Société Linnéenne de Lyon., 17: 125. 1869.
- ≡ *Lychnitis lutea* Fourr., in Annales de la Société Linnéenne de Lyon., 17: 125. 1869.
- = *Verbascum lychnitis* subvar. *albiflorum* Rouy in Rouy & Foucaud, Fl. France 11: 14. 1909.
- = *Verbascum lychnitis* subvar. *aureiflorum* Rouy in Rouy & Foucaud, Fl. France 11: 14. 1909.
- = *Verbascum lychnitis* var. *foliosum* Vayr. in Anales Soc. Esp. Hist. Nat. 30: 553. 1902.

- = *Verbascum lychnitis* var. *longebracteatum* Rouy in Rouy & Foucaud, Fl. France 11: 14. 1909.
- = *Verbascum pyrenaicum* Gand., in Dec. Pl. Nov. 2: 9. 1876.
- = *Verbascum kanitzianum* Simonk. & L.Watzl, in Magyar Növényt. Lapok 2: 148. 1878.
- = *Verbascum lychnitis* var. *kanitzianum* (Simonk. & L.Watz) Murb., in Lunds Univ. Arsskrift, 2 n.f 29(2): 344. 1933.
- = *Verbascum lychnitis* f. *album* (Mill.) House in Bull. New York State Mus. Nat. Hist. 243–244: 45. 1923.
- = *Verbascum lychnitis* var. *giganteum* Maire, in Mém. Soc. Sci. Nat. Maroc 7: 196. 1924. Type: [Morocco]. Moyen Atlas: Azrou, ravins des cédraies sur basalte et calcaire, 1700 m, 25 Juillet 1921, *R. Maire, s.n.* (Lectotype, designated here: RAB [RAB30546]!; isolectotype: MPU [MPU006911, MPU006912, MPU006913, MPU006910]!, P [P00083084]!). (2)
- = *Verbascum nuriense* Sennen, in Diagn. Nouv. 44. 1936. [in shed]

Type. [Habitat in Europae ruderalis cultis.] (Lectotype, designated by Fischer 1997, pg.115: Herb. Clifford: 54, *Verbascum* 2, PM [BM000557980!]).

Notes. Original material is conserved in the Clifford Herbarium at the Natural History Museum of London and an image of the lectotype is available at <http://data.nhm.ac.uk/dataset/clifford-herbarium>.

(2) Maire (1924) described *Verbascum lychnitis* var. *giganteum* on the basis of plant material that he had collected himself in the Azrou cedar forest, Central Middle Atlas, Morocco. However, in the protologue, he did not identify any herbarium sheet as holotype, nor did he give the name of the herbarium where the original material was stored. Six specimens were located through our research at Herbrs RAB (RAB30546), MPU (MPU006910, MPU006911, MPU006912, MPU006913), and P (P00083084) which can be considered original material. The sheet RAB30546 preserved at Herb. RAB is selected here as the lectotype for the name *V. lychnitis* var. *giganteum* since it is in a better condition.

***Verbascum mairei* (Murb.) Hub.-Mor., in *Bauhinia* 5(1): 13. 1973.**

- ≡ *Celsia mairei* Murb., Lunds Univ. Arsskrift, 2 n. f., 35(1): 59. 1939. Type: [Morocco]. Tafriat Banks by roadside, 3.000 ft, 10 July 1936, *E.K. Balls, B2792* (lectotype, designated here: S [S10-27049]!; isolectotype: RAB [RAB30643]!). [Morocco]. Moyen Atlas, Roches calcaires à Tizi-n-Ouria (supra Ksiba), 1600 m, 21 Juin 1936, *R. Maire s.n.* (residual syntype: MPU [MPU059317]!). [image of lectotype available at <https://plants.jstor.org/stable/viewer/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.s10-27049>]

Notes. In the protologue of *Celsia mairei* [≡*Verbascum mairei* (Murb.) Hub.-Mor.], Murbeck (1939) cited two gatherings: “Imper. Maroccanum: In rupestribus calcareis Atlantis Medii ad Tizi-n-Ouria (supra Ksiba), 1600 m, R. Maire, 21/6/1936” and

“Tafriat, 3000 ft., some 50 or 60 km out of Marrakesh on the road to Ouarzazat across the Great Atlas by Tadert and the Tizi n’ Tichka, E.K. Balls, 10 /7/ 1936, n. 2792”. However, he did not give any information about herbaria housing the original samples, nor did he indicate which one is the holotype.

The search for the original material of *Celsia mairei* led us to discover three sheets kept at Herbs MPU, RAB, and S. The sheet kept at Herb. MPU was collected by R. Maire (Barcode MPU059317), but those found at Herb. S (Barcode S10-270499) and at Herb. RAB (RAB30643) were collected by E.K. Balls. All three specimens found are morphologically in agreement with the original description (Murbeck, 1939). Moreover, collection locations indicated on the labels match those indicated in the protologue. Following Art. 9.6 of the ICN (Turland et al. 2018), these specimens must be considered as syntypes. According to its quality of conservation, the sheet S10-27049 preserved at Herb. S is here selected as the lectotype, because it is well-conserved and shows more diagnostic features described in the protologue. The specimen housed at Herb. RAB is recognized here as an isolectotype.

***Verbascum maroccanum* (Ball) Hub.-Mor., in *Bauhinia* 5: 13. 1973.**

≡ *Celsia maroccana* Ball, in *Journal of Botany* 13: 172. 1875. Type: [Morocco]. South Morocco. Greater Atlas, Seksaoua May 1871, *J. D. Hooker, s.n.* (lectotype, designated here: K [K000410855]!). [Morocco]. South Morocco. Greater Atlas, Milhain, May 1871, *J. D. Hooker, s.n.* (residual syntype: K [K000410856]!). [Morocco]. Near Mogadore. Djebel Hadid, April-May 1871, *J. D. Hooker, s.n.* (residual syntype: K [K000410853]!). [Morocco]. South Morocco. Greater Atlas 17 May 1871, *G. Maw, s.n.* (residual syntype: K [K000410857]!). [Morocco]. South Morocco. Greater Atlas, Reraia, May 1871, *J. D. Hooker, s.n.* (residual syntype: K [K000410858]!). [image of lectotype available at <https://plants.jstor.org/stable/viewer/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.k000410855>]

Notes. This species was described by Ball (1875: 172) from material gathered by himself, J.D. Hooker, and G. Maw during their botanical expedition in Morocco in 1871 (Hooker and Ball 1878; Stafleu and Cowan 1976–1988). Murbeck (1925) indicated that the original material is stored at Herbs K and B. During our research, we have traced five specimens kept at Herb. K and bearing K barcodes as follows: K000410853, K000410855, K000410856, K000410857, K000410858. However, no relevant specimens could be traced at Herb. B, so we have some reasons to think that this material was destroyed during the bombing raid at Berlin in 1943 (Hiepko, 1987). In all the specimens found the collecting localities on labels match those mentioned in the protologue and material morphologically agrees with the original description. Since no holotype was indicated, they are all syntypes according to Art. 9.6 of the ICN (Turland et al. 2018). Hence, among all the original material kept at Herb. K, the specimen bearing the K barcode K000410855 is selected here as the lectotype.

***Verbascum masguindalii* (Pau) Benedí & J.M.Monts., in Collect. Bot. (Barcelona) 16: 108. 1985.**

- = *Celsia ramosissima* Benth. in DC., Prodr. 10: 244. 1846. Type: [Morocco]. In Mauritania in silva Mamorae, *Durand, s.n.* (Lectotype, designated by Benedí and Montserrat 1985, pg.108: MPU [MAF4378]!).
- = *Verbascum ramosissimum* Kuntze, Revisio Generum Plantarum 2: 469. 1891. non *Verbascum ramosissimum* Poir. in Lamarck & Poiret, Encycl. suppl. III: 718, 1813. nec *V. ramosissimum* DC. in Lam. & DC., Fl. Fr., VI: 416, 1815.
- ≡ *Celsia masguindalii* Pau, Monde des Plantes 66: 1. 1929.
- = *Verbascum hamidou* Rankou, in Phytotaxa 78(1): 68. 2013.

Type. [Morocco]. Rio Martín, June 1929, *Mas Guindal s.n.* (Lectotype, designated by Benedí and Montserrat 1985, pg. 108: MP [MA108916]!). Image of the lectotype is available at: <http://coleccion.es/rjb.csic.es/#cardAdv.php?CatalogNumber=MA-01-00108916>.

Notes. The name of this species was first published by Mas Guindal (1928: 102), but without a description. A year later, Pau (1929) gave the description of *Celsia masguindalii* Pau based on the specimens collected by Mas Guindal in Río Martín near Tetuán. In their ‘Taxonomic and nomenclatural notes on some species of the genus *Verbascum* L. (incl. *Celsia* L.)’, Benedí and Montserrat (1985) have wrongly cited the lectotype number (MA108989) for *Verbascum masguindalii* (Pau) Benedí & J.M.Monts. instead of the number MA108916 as shown by Nualart (2017). Besides, Nualart et al. (2021) have traced two other eligible sheets (BC89918, BC141503) in Herb. BC. Those two specimens were also collected by Mas Guindal in Río Martín, but without a collection date on the labels. According to González-Bueno and Gomis (2007) and Nualart (2017), Mas Guindal during his visit in Tetouan (Morocco) between 1926 and 1931, has collected many times at this site (Río Martín).

***Verbascum maurum* Maire & Murb., in Lunds Univ. Arsskrift, 2 n.f., 19(1): 35. 1923.**

Type. [Morocco]. Region du Grand Atlas. Ourika: rocailles schisteuses le long du torrent, au-dessous de Tagentourt; 1400 m, 14 Juillet 1921, *R. Maire, s.n.* (Lectotype, designated here: MPU [MPU008183]!; isolectotype: MPU [MPU008015]!). [image of lectotype available at <https://plants.jstor.org/stable/viewer/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.mpu008183>].

Notes. Murbeck (1933), in his monograph of *Verbascum* L., indicated that original material of *Verbascum maurum* was kept at Maire’s herbarium at Herb. MPU. We have only found two sheets of this taxon in Herb. MPU (MPU008015, MPU008183). Both have a handwritten label by Maire bearing the information about the gathering, collector, date, and locality that match the protologue. The specimen MPU008183 is designated here as the lectotype, because it shows more of the diagnostic features described in the protologue.

***Verbascum pinnatisectum* (Batt.) Benedí, in *Anales Jard. Bot. Madrid* 60(2): 460. 2003.**

- ≡ *Celsia cretica* var. *pinnatisecta* Batt. in Bull. Soc. Brot. France 40: 263. 1893. Type: [Algeria]. A. Sersou: Aïn-Sfa, à 40 km de Teniet-el-Had sur la route de Tiaret. Juin 1893, J.A. Battandier, s.n. (Lectotype, selected by Benedí 2003, pg. 460, first step “type”; second step, designated here: MPU [MPU006805]!; isolectotype: MPU [MPU005282]! P[P03425758]!). [image of lectotype available at <https://plants.jstor.org/stable/viewer/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.mpu006805>]
- ≡ *Celsia pinnatisecta* (Batt.) Batt. in Batt. & Trab. Fl. Alger. Tunis.: 243. 1904.

Notes. Pursuant to the Art. 9.17 (Turland et al. 2018), the lectotypification of Benedí (2003) could be considered a first-step lectotypification, since he has cited wrongly the number of the lectotype and did not specify exactly which of the two sheets MPU005282 and MPU006805 kept at Herb. MPU as lectotype. In addition to these two sheets stored at Herb. MPU, we have traced another of this gathering kept at Herb. P (barcode P03425758). Hence, the sheet preserved at Herb. MPU that bears barcode “MPU006805” is here designated as the (second-step) lectotype.

***Verbascum pseudoreticum* Benedí & J.M. Monts., in *Collect. Bot. (Barcelona)* 16: 106. 1985.**

- = *Celsia sinuata* Colla, in Hortus Ripul. App. 2: 344. 1825., non Cav. 1801.
- = *Celsia cavanillesii* Kunze in Flora 29: 698. 1846, nom. illegit., Type: [Spain]: In isthmo Gaditano, III-1846, M. Willkomm, s.n. (lectotype, designated by Benedí and Montserrat 1985, pg. 107: COI [COI00042221]!). ≡ *Celsia cretica* var. *cavanillesii* Kunze ex Willk. in Willk. & Lange, Prodr. Fl. Hispan. 2: 545. 1870. Illegitimate name.
- = *Celsia sinuata* sensu Willk., in III. Fl. Hisp. 2(14): 58. 1888, non *Celsia sinuata* Cav., in Anal. Cieñe. Nat. Madrid 111: 68. 1801.
- = *Celsia lyrata* sensu Murb., in Lund. Univ. Arssk., n. f. 2, 22(1): 199. 1925, non *Celsia lyrata* (Lam.) G.Don, in Gen. Hist. 4: 499 1837.

Type. [Spain]. Hab. in regione calida maritima Baeticae: occidentali in arena mobili isthmi Gaditani Inter hortos prope ecclesiam Sancti Josephi copiose, martii 1845, M. Willkomm, 536 (lectotype, designated by Benedí and Montserrat 1985, pg. 107: COI [COI00042222]!).

Notes. Original material is conserved at the Herbarium Mediterraneum Pyrenaeicum et Canariense of Moritz Willkomm, which is kept at the Herbarium of the Department of Life Sciences of the University of Coimbra (COI). An image of the lectotype is available at <http://coicatalogue.uc.pt/specimen/42222>.

Verbascum rotundifolium* Ten., Prod. Fl. Napol. 1: 92. 1815.*Type.** [Italy]: n.v.

Notes. According to Stafleu and Cowan (1976–1988), the original material of the Italian botanist, Michele Tenore are preserved at Herb. NAP, with further material in Herbs AWH, B-Willd., BASSA, BM, BR, C, CGE, DWG, E, FI, G, H, K, M, MPU, OXF, P, PH, REG, and UPS. However, we could not trace any specimen in any herbarium for this taxon.

***Verbascum rotundifolium* subsp. *rotundifolium*, in Lunds Univ. Arsskrift, 2n.f. 29 (2): 398. 1933.**

- = *Verbascum numidicum* Pomel, in Nouv. Mat. Fl. Atlantique (1): 95. 1874. Type: [ALGERIA]. Rochers au sommet du Mécid à Constantine 23 Mai 1857, *S. Choulette* 369 (Lectotype designated here: MPU [MPU004892]!, isolectotype JE [JE00013694]!). ≡ *Verbascum rotundifolium* var. *numidicum* (Pomel) Murb., in Bull. Soc. Hist. Nat. Afrique N. 18: 83. 1927. [image of lectotype available at <https://herbier.umontpellier.fr/zoomify/zoomify.php?fichier=MPU004892>] (2)
- = *Verbascum kabylianum* Debeaux, in Rev. Bot. Bull. Mens. Soc. Franç. de Botan. 8: 265. 1890. Locality citation in the protologue of Type: [ALGERIA]. In sylvaticis montium kabylie surper. Prope fort-national, ad viam Taourirt-Amokran, 950 m, 6 Junio 1859, *O. Debeaux s.n.*: [n. v.] ≡ *Verbascum rotundifolium* var. *kabylianum* (Debeaux) Murb. in Bull. Soc. Hist. Nat. Afrique N. 18: 83. 1927.
- = *Verbascum rotundifolium* var. *castellorum* Maire, in Bull. Soc. Hist. Nat. Afrique N. 29: 438. 1938. Type: [Morocco]. In rupestribus calcareis Atlantis Medii infra Ksiba, 900 m, 22 Junio 1936, *R. Maire, s.n.* (Lectotype designated here: P [P00083085]!; isolectotype: MPU [MPU004005, MPU004006]!, P [P01167373]!). [image of lectotype available at <https://plants.jstor.org/stable/viewer/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.mpu004006>] (3)

Notes. This taxon was established by Murbeck (1933) under the recombination *V. rotundifolium* subsp. *eu-rotundifolium*. According to Ferguson (1972) and Benedí (2009), this subspecies is distributed in southern Italy, Sicily, Algeria, and Tunisia. However, for Fennane and Ibn Tattou (2005), Ibn Tattou (2007), and Dobignard and Chatelain (2013), this taxon is spontaneous in Morocco. Under its current recombination, *V. rotundifolium* subsp. *rotundifolium* it is accepted in the Partical flora of Morocco (Fennane and Ibn Tattou 2005, Ibn Tattou, 2007), in the index of synonyms for the flora of North Africa (Dobignard & Chatelain, 2013), and by the APD (African Plant Database 2022).

(2) Pomel (1874) described on *Verbascum numidicum* based on the collections of Choulette exs. [exsiccata] 369, but did not provide collection date nor the name of

the herbarium where the original material were housed. After a thorough search, two specimens were found, one at Herb. MPU (MPU004892) and the other at Herb. JE (JE00013694), both of which matched the data provided in the protologue. Thus, the sheet MPU004892 is chosen here as the lectotype of the name *V. numidicum*, because it is better preserved and shows more diagnostic features described in the protologue.

(3) The protologue of *Verbascum rotundifolium* var. *castellorum* (Maire 1938) is composed of a Latin diagnosis, and the details of the collection locality on limestone rocks below Ksiba region at an altitude of about 900 m in the Middle Atlas, Morocco, but there is no mention of the name of the herbarium that houses the original material. Four herbarium sheets deposited in Herbs MPU (MPU004005, MPU004006) and P (P01167373, P00083085) were traced. These specimens can be considered as the original material according to the type details provided in the protologue. The specimen P00083085 persevered at Herb. P is better conserved and best represents the diagnostic features of the taxon given in the protologue; hence it is selected here as the lectotype for the name *V. rotundifolium* var. *castellorum*.

***Verbascum rotundifolium* subsp. *haenseleri* (Boiss.) Murb., Bull. Soc. Hist. Nat. Afrique N. 18: 83. 1927.**

- ≡ *Verbascum haenseleri* Boiss., in Voy. Bot. Espagne 2: 442. 1841. Type: [SPAIN]. Sierra d'Estepona, 1837, [*Boissier*] s.n. (lectotype, designated by Burdet et al. 1990, pg. 624: G [G00025472]!). [SPAIN]. San Anton [*Boissier*] s.n. (residual syntype: G [G00025473]!). (1)
- = *Verbascum aurantiacum* Coincy, in J. Bot. (Morot) 9: 332. 1895. Type: [SPAIN]. Espagne, Baza, 6 June 1895, *A. Coincy* s.n. (Lectotype designated here: P [P03808542]!). [image of lectotype available at <http://coldb.mnhn.fr/catalognumber/mnhn/p/p03808542>] (2)
- = *Verbascum latesulcatifolium* Sennen & Mauricio, in Cat. Fl. Rif Orient.: 84. 1933, nom. nud.
- = *Verbascum rotundifolium* subsp. *castellanum* Murb., in Lunds Univ. Arsskrift, 2n.f. 29 (2): 402. 1933. Type: [SPAIN]. Ávila; Navalморal, cerros audossus, 2 June 1863, *E. Bourgeau*, s.n. (Lectotype designated here: MA [MA108794]!), [SPAIN]. San Agustín de los Reyes, June 1912, *C. Vicioso* s.n. (residual syntype: MA [MA108789]!), [SPAIN]. Escorial, 15 Juin 1852, *J. Lange*, s.n. (residual syntype: MA [MA108791]!), [SPAIN]. Prov. Albacete, in pascuis prope Alcaraz, sol. calcareo, 700–800 m, 21 June 1891, *P. Porta* and *G. Rigo*, 337 (residual syntype: JE [JE00007506]!). [image of lectotype available at <https://plants.jstor.org/stable/viewer/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.ma108794>] (3)

Notes. (1) When, Burdet et al. (1990) selected the lectotype of the name *Verbascum haenseleri*, they selected the sheet G00025472 as lectotype and sheet G00025473 as a syntype. An image of the lectotype is available at: https://www.ville-ge.ch/musinfo/bd/cjb/chg/result.php?type_search=advanced&lang=en&typecollection=&family=&

genus=&species=&infraspecificname=&collector=&nocoll_operateur=%3D&debut_nocoll=&fin_nocoll=&date_operateur=%3D&debut_recolte=&fin_recolte=&country=&locality=&barcode=G00025472.

(2) Coincy (1895) in the protologue of *Verbascum aurantiacum* mentioned the collection locality as “Les pentes de la Sierra de Aquila près Baza (prov. de Grenade) le 8 juin 1895, à une hauteur que j’évalue à 1,200 m. environ [The slopes of the Sierra de Aquila near Baza, in the province of Granada, on June 8, 1895, at an altitude that I estimate roughly 1200 m]”. However, no specific herbarium specimen was identified as a holotype, nor was where the original material was housed indicated. According to Stafleu and Cowan (1976–1988), the plants collected by Coincy are preserved at Herb. P, and further material can be found at Herbs B and LY. After conducting exhaustive research in the three different Herbs (P, B and LY), we located one sheet at Herb. P (P03808542) that is a perfect match with the protologue. Hence, we designate this specimen (P03808542) as the lectotype for the name *Verbascum aurantiacum*.

(3) When he described *Verbascum rotundifolium* subsp. *castellanum*, Murbeck (1933) included in the protologue 14 gatherings that were collected in Spain by diverse botanists, but he did not indicate any herbarium specimen as a holotype. Only four specimens related to the gatherings mentioned in the protologue have been traced. Three of these specimens were found at Herb. MA (MA108791, MA108794, MA108789), and the other specimen was found at Herb. JE (MA108792). (JE00007506). The specimen MA108794 preserved Herb. MA is here designated as lectotype for the name *V. rotundifolium* subsp. *castellanum* because it is complete and matches the information in the protologue.

***Verbascum sinuatum* L., in Sp. Pl.: 178. 1753.**

= *Celsia sinuata* (L.) Colla, in Hortus Ripul. App. 2: 344. 1826.

≡ *Thapsus sinuatum* (L.) Raf., in Fl. Tellur. 4: 89. 1838.

= *Lychnitis sinuata* (L.) Fourr., in Ann. Soc. Linn. Lyon ser. 2 17: 125. 1869.

= *Verbascum sinuatum* var. *pallidiflorum* Pau, Not. Bot. Fl. Españ. 3: 34. 1889, nom. nud.

= *Verbascum sinuatum* var. *subulatum* Rouy, in Rouy & Foucaud, Fl. France 11: 12. 1909.

= *Verbascum tetuanense* Pau, in Cavanillesia 1: 143. 1928.

= *Verbascum sinuatum* f. *subsINUatum* Pau, in Sched., nom. nud.

= *Verbascum arnaizii* Sennen, in Diagn. Nouv.: 238. 1936.

= *Verbascum sinuatum* f. *albiflorum* M. Silva, in Agron. Lusit. 14: 118. 1952.

= *Verbascum sinuatum* f. *albiflorum* Greuter, Matthäs & Risse, in Willdenowia 14: 291. 1984, nom. illegit.

Type. [Protologue locality: Habitat Monspelii, Florentiae] (lectotype, designated by Huber-Morath 1971, pg. 94.: Herb. Linn. No. 242.7 [LINN]!).

Notes. Original material is conserved in the Linnaean Herbarium at the Linnean Society of London and an image of the lectotype is available at <http://linnean-online.org/1837/>

***Verbascum tetrandrum* Barratte & Murb., in Contrib. Fl. Tunisie 2(14): 62. 1905.**

Type. [MOROCCO]: Cult. Thurelles, [Cult. Thurelles e. sem. Maroc, 14 July 1877, [E. Cosson] s.n. (Lectotype, designated here: P [P03429051]!). [MOROCCO]. Tazeroualt, Sous independant (Maroc), [1874] Robbin Mardochee (residual syntype: P [P03429046]!). [image of the lectotype is available at: <https://science.mnhn.fr/institution/mnhn/collection/p/item/p03429051?listIndex=288&listCount=7215>]

Notes. Barratte and Murbeck's (in Murbeck 1905) description of *Verbascum tetrandrum* was based on specimens gathered by Rabbi Mardochee near Tazeroualt in the southwest of Morocco. Within the protologue, Barratte and Murbeck (in Murbeck 1905) did not designate any herbarium sheet as holotype, nor the name of the herbarium where the type material was housed. Moreover, the original description was accompanied by a photography of the type with a legend that reads "1-Specimen fructiferum ad Tazeroualt lectum / 2 & 3-Pars caulis foliumque basilare speciminis in Gallia anno 1877 a cl. Cosson culti / 4-Corollae; speciminis culti". Following this information mentioned in the legend, the type material is formed by the specimens bearing fruits collected by Mardochee and specimens from cultivated grains by Cosson. Murbeck (1933) indicates that the original material was preserved in the Cosson herbarium. During our extensive search, two sheets were found at Herb. P (P03429046, P03429051). All of these specimens agree with the protologue and the accompanied iconography.

The sheet P03429046 contains a fruiting part of an inflorescence and has three labels: an original label handwritten by Cosson "*Verbascum pycnostachyum* nov. sp. / Tazeroualt / Sous independant (Maroc) Robbin Mardochee"; the second is a revision label handwritten by R. Maire in 1921 who re-determined it as "*Verbascum tetrandrum* Barr & Murb", and the last label is handwritten by Murbeck in 1926 who put just an exclamation mark (!) indicating that the sheet was verified by him. The sheet P03429051 has an apical part of stem and a basal leaf and two handwritten labels: the first one reads "*Verbascum (Celsia) pycnostachyum* / Cult. Thurelles / 1877", and the second is a revision label handwritten by Murbeck in 1924 who re-determined it as "*Verbascum tetrandrum* Barr & Murb". All of these specimens should be considered as syntypes as stated by Art. 9.6 of the ICN (Turland et al. 2018). The specimen with barcode P03429051 is here chosen as the lectotype, because it is well preserved and it is the one that shows most of the morphological features in agreement with the original description.

***Verbascum tibesticum* (Quézel) Hub.-Mor., in Bauhinia 5(1): 15. 1973.**

≡ *Celsia tibestica* Quézel, in Bull. Soc. Hist. Nat. Afrique N. 48: 95. 1957. Type: [TCHAD]. Emi Koussi, Koudou. 2000 m, September-Novembre 1956, P. Quézel, s.n. (Lectotype, designated here: AIX [AIX000033]!; isolectotype: AIX [AIX000034]!). [image of lectotype available at <https://plants.jstor.org/stable/viewer/10.5555/al.ap.specimen.aix000033>]

Notes. The type material of this species was collected during Quézel's expedition to Borkou and to Tibesti in September–November 1956. In the protologue, Quézel (1957) did not designate a holotype nor did he mention the name of the herbarium where the original material was housed. We have traced three specimens at the herbarium of Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle d'Aix-en-Provence (AIX), France. The sheet AIX000033 contains a well conserved plant with mature fruit and rosette and an original label handwritten by P. Quézel that reads “Mission Botanique de l'Institut de Recherches Sahariennes de l'Université d'Alger au Borkou et au Tibesti / *Celsia tibestica* nov; sp. / Emi Koussi, Koudou. 2000 m / Sept-November 1956, Dr. P. Quézel”. The sheet AIX000034 bears only a rosette and an original label handwritten by P. Quézel reading “Mission Botanique de l'Institut de Recherches Sahariennes de l'Université d'Alger au Borkou et au Tibesti / *Celsia tibestica* Qz. / Koudou / Sept-November 1956, Dr. P. Quézel”. Both specimens are in accordance with the protologue, and based on Art. 9.6 of the ICN (Turland et al. 2018) both must be treated as syntypes. The sheet bearing the barcode AIX000033 is designated here as the lectotype, because it is in better condition than the other specimen and shows all relevant characters mentioned in the protologue.

***Verbascum tripolitanum* Boiss., in Diagn. Pl. Orient. 12: 9. 1853.**

Type. [SYRIA]. Syria mar.: Tripoli, [Jul] 1846, *Ed. Boissier s.n.* (Lectotype, designated here: P [P03287124]!). [image of lectotype available at: <http://coldb.mnhn.../mnhn/p/p03287124>].

Notes. This species was described by Boissier (1853) from material collected at the foot of Trobol mountain in Syria. In the protologue, Boissier (1853) gave information about the collection locality, but he does not provide the name of the herbarium where the original material has been deposited. Boissier (1853) notes that *V. tripolitanum* starts flowering at the beginning of June. According to Stafleu and Cowan (1976–1988) and Jacquemoud (2011), the Boissier herbarium related to the Flora Orientalis account is preserved at Herb. G. However, duplicates of Boissier's collections could be found in many other herbaria. During our research, we have traced one specimen (barcode P03287124) conserved in Herb. P that is in accordance with the protologue. The sheet P03287124 bears a part of an inflorescence, a basal leaf, and two handwritten labels, the left one reads “*Verbascum tripolitanum* Boiss / Syria Mar: / [Jul] 1846 / Tripoli / (donné par Mr. Boissier / Ed Boiss.)” and the second label on the right corner reads “Herbier Mus. Paris/ herbier tripolitanum / boiss / Syria /”. So this sheet is designated here as the lectotype.

***Verbascum zaianense* (Murb.) Hub.-Mor., in Bauhinia 5(1): 16. 1973.**

≡ *Celsia zaianensis* Murb., in Lunds Univ. Arsskrift, 2 n.f., 22(1): 218. 1925. Type: [Morocco]: Entre Aït Lias et Aïn Leuh, 5 Juin 1918, *P. Benoist*, 525 (Lectotype, designated here: P [P03425567]!). [image of lectotype available at: <http://coldb.mnhn.../mnhn/p/p03425567>]

Notes. In the protologue of *Celsia zaianensis*, Murbeck (1923) cited an element collected by Benoist from Zaïan region, between Aït Lais and Ain-leuh, Morocco, and he indicated that type material is preserved at the Cosson Herbarium. The latter collection is housed at Herb. P according to Stafleu and Cowan (1976–1988). The protologue also includes citation of the locality “Entre Aït Lias et Aïn Leuh”, collection date “5 Juin 1918”, and name and number of collector “P. Benoist, 525”. At Herb. P, we have found only one specimen with barcode P03425567 bearing a single plant, and determined by Murbeck as “*Celsia zaianensis* Murb.”. This specimen is morphologically close to the original description. Furthermore, there is an indication on the label indicating a new species (“n. sp.”) and the label has the collection date and collection locality, and collector number matching the information given in the protologue. Since only a single specimen is mentioned by Murbeck (1925), one may argue that the relevant specimen is the holotype. However, Murbeck (1925) did not use the term type. Therefore, we herein designate the sheet P03425567 as lectotype.

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