

Fimbristylis karthikeyanii, a new name for *Fimbristylis breviculma* Govind. (Cyperaceae)

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Abstract

Fimbristylis karthikeyanii (Cyperaceae) is a new name for an Indian endemic species, *Fimbristylis breviculma* Govind., as it is a homonym.

Introduction

During the preparation of the supplement to the flora of Cyperaceae of India, we found that the name *Fimbristylis breviculma* Govind., an endemic species of the state Karnataka (Govindarajulu 1996; Prasad and Singh 2002; Wadood Khan 2014) is a homonym of *Fimbristylis breviculmis* Boeckeler (Boeckeler 1858) according to Articles 53.3 and 53.5 of the ICN (McNeill et al. 2012), and as voted by the Nomenclature Committee for Vascular Plants (Brummitt 2011). The Committee noted that it is arguable that the epithet 'breviculma' is a misspelling of 'breviculmis', in which case the name would be considered a later homonym (Art. 53.1). In either case, a replacement name is needed and is proposed here for this endemic species.

Nomenclature

Fimbristylis karthikeyanii Kottaim. & Gnanasek., **nom. nov.**

Replaced synonym: *Fimbristylis breviculma* Govind., *Rheedea* 6(2): 61 (1996), *nom. illeg.*, non *Fimbristylis breviculmis* Boeckeler, *Flora* 41: 643 (1858).

Type: India. Karnataka: Shimoga district, Agumbe, Nishaniguda, *Govindarajulu 8870A* (Holo, CAL).

Etymology: The specific epithet is given in honour of Dr. S. Karthikeyan, Retired Scientist, Botanical Survey of India, Western Regional Centre, Pune, for his outstanding contributions to the field of Plant Taxonomy.

Distribution: INDIA (Karnataka). Endemic

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