

MALPIGHIACEAE

NAME CHANGES AND CHANGES OF RANK IN *TRIASPIS* BURCH.

The genus *Triaspis* Burch. [Trav. S. Afr. 2: 280 (1824)] has until now been considered to have eight species and a varying number of varieties in southern Africa. As a result of work done for a revision to be published in the Flora of Southern Africa, the

number of species has been reduced to two, with two subspecies.

T. nelsonii Oliv. (1833) has been reduced to a subspecies of *T. hypericoides* (DC.) Burch. (1824). *T. hypericoides* subsp. *nelsonii* differs in both leaf

shape and geographical range from the typical *T. hypericoides*, but this difference is considered to warrant only subspecific rank.

T. nelsonii subsp. *canescens* (Engl.) Launert becomes *T. hypericoides* subsp. *canescens*. Only the type and one other collection have been seen by the author, who has therefore preferred to be conservative and retain the subspecies as a distinct entity. The leaves are smaller than is typical of *T. hypericoides* and the leaves remain densely pilose even at maturity. It also appears to be geographically partially distinct, being from Mozambique and the Kruger National Park (subsp. *nelsonii* is also found in these areas).

Only basionyms and species formerly regarded as distinct are given in synonymy. Full synonymy and descriptions will be given in F.S.A.

Key to species

- Wing on carpel 1,2–2,0 times longer than wide, 10–25 mm in width; leaf 0,7–1,6 times longer than wide; petiole (2–) 4–16 (–20) mm long 1. *T. glaucophylla*
- Wing on carpel 0,8–1,3 times as long as wide, 25–40 mm in width; leaf (1,0–) 1,2–3,0 (–6,5) times longer than wide petiole 1–5 (–7) mm long 2. *T. hypericoides*

1. *Triaspis glaucophylla* Engl. in Bot. Jb. 36: 249 (May, 1905). Type: Transvaal, N.W. of Lydenburg, by big waterfall, *Wilms 144* (B?).

T. leendertziae Burtt Davy, Fl. Transv. 1: 51 (1926), 2: 286 (1932). Type: Transvaal, Potgietersrust, *Leendertz 1962* (K. holo.; BOL!).

2. *Triaspis hypericoides* (DC.) Burch. Trav. S. Afr. 2: 280, 290 (Jan.–June, 1824) — Syntypes: Cape, Kosi Fountain, *Burchell 2531* (K, lecto.);

Cape, in a walk to, and on a black rocky hill under, the Kamhanni Mnts (Kuruman Hills), *Burchell 2486* (K).

Key to the subspecies

- Leaf lamina canescent at all stages (c) subsp. *canescens*
 Leaf lamina soon becoming glabrescent (hairs sometimes remaining on midrib beneath and on margins):
 Leaves 3,0–6,5 times longer than wide; occurring in Botswana and northern Cape (a) subsp. *hypericoides*
 Leaves 1,0–3,0 times as long as wide, occurring in South West Africa/Namibia and Transvaal
 (b) subsp. *nelsonii*

(a) subsp. *hypericoides*

Hiraea hypericoides DC., Prodr. 1: 585 (Jan., 1824).

(b) subsp. *nelsonii* (Oliv.) *Immelman* stat. nov.

T. nelsonii Oliv., in Hooker's Icon. Pl. 15, 14: t. 1418 (1833). Type: Transvaal, Pretoria *Nelson 511* (K. holo.; PRE!).

T. hypericoides var. *subsessilis* Burtt Davy, Fl. Transv. 1: 51 (1926), 2: 286 (1932). Type: Transvaal, *Todd 26* (K, holo.).

T. thorncroftii Burtt Davy, Fl. Transv. 1: 51 (1926), 2: 286 (1932). Type: Transvaal, Tzaneen, *Rogers 12572* (K, holo.; BOL!; photo. at PRE!).

T. ternata Greenway & Burtt Davy, Fl. Transv. 1: 51 (1926), 2: 286 (1932). Type: Transvaal, Komatipoort, *Rogers 22172* (K, holo.; BOL!).

T. ovata Bremek. in Ann. Transv. Mus. 15: 245 (1933). Type: Transvaal, Pietersburg, Olifantsrivier, Molsgat, *Bremekamp & Schweikerdt 450* (PRE!; PRU).

(c) subsp. *canescens* (Engl.) *Immelman* comb. nov.

T. canescens Engl. in Bot. Jb. 36: 249 (1905). *T. nelsonii* subsp. *canescens* (Engl.) Launert in Bolm Soc. broteriana sér 2, 35: 32 (1961). Type: Mozambique, Ressano Garcia, *Schlechter 11827* (K, lecto; GRA!; B+).