

LAMIACEAE

A NEW COMBINATION IN *SYNCOLOSTEMON*

A re-assessment of the relationship between *Syncolostemon* and *Hemizygia* based on molecular and morphological data (Otieno *et al.* 2006b), showed that neither genus as previously circumscribed, was monophyletic, and thus led to the merging of *Hemizygia* into *Syncolostemon*, the earliest name. Members of the genus, as newly circumscribed, are characterized by fused anterior stamens, a feature that sets them apart from other genera in the tribe Ocimeae (Paton 1998). In Otieno *et al.* (2006a, b), several name changes were made in the combined *Hemizygia* and *Syncolostemon* to conform to the new circumscription. However, *Hemizygia cinerea* Codd was inadvertently omitted. The new combination for this species is presented below.

***Syncolostemon cinereum* (Codd) D.F.Otieno & Retief, comb. nov.**

Hemizygia cinerea Codd in *Bothalia* 12: 6 (1976). Type: KwaZulu-Natal, Cathedral Peak Forest Research Station, *Killick 1644* (PRE, holo.).

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