

## ERICACEAE

### NOMENCLATRURAL CHANGES IN *ERICA*

***Erica salicina*** E.G.H.Oliv., nom. nov., *E. viminialis* E.G.H.Oliv. in *Bothalia* 31: 5 (2001) non *E. viminialis* Salisb.: 298 (1796) [= *E. albens* L.]. Type: Western Cape, 3319 (Worcester): Hex River Mountains, Milner Peak, on wet shaded cliffs at base of amphitheatre, E side, 5000 ft [1 520 m], (–AD), 4 January 1959, *Esterhuysen 28100* (BOL, holo.; BM, E, G, K, L, MO, NBG, NY, P, PRE, S, W).

Salisbury's name (1796) was overlooked when naming this very localized species with its distinctive, willowy habit. The new name repeats the etymological reference to the habit, *salicinus* = like the genus *Salix* [*viminialis* = willowy]. At the time of description only the type material was known. Recently the species was re-collected in the very impressive amphitheatre of the Hex River Mountains by Nicholas Helme who noted that there were only two adult plants that had escaped the fire of three years previously with few signs of any young plants. The habitat was a permanently wet drip zone which probably receives direct sunlight for only two weeks in the year.

***Erica pilaarkopensis*** H.A.Baker in *Journal of South African Botany* 41: 128 (1975). Type: 3419 (Caledon): Pillarkop [Pilaarkop], Riviersondereinde Mtns, (–BB), near Lindeshof on scree and steep rock slopes, alt. 1 220–1 524 m, *Esterhuysen 33343* (BOL, holo.; NBG).

Baker (1975) gave the specific epithet *pillarkopensis* to this species based on the locality of the type collection, which he cited as 'Pillarkop'. However the details given by Esterhuysen in her own hand on the holotype, refer to the location as 'Pilaarkop' which is the spelling

noted on all reference maps. The label details as copied by Baker onto the isotype in his own herbarium (now in NBG) give the locality as 'Pillarkop' and the specific epithet as *pillarskopensis* [sic]. It could be suggested that Baker deliberately translated the Afrikaans *pilaar* to the English pillar. If this is the case then why did he retain the Afrikaans *kop* for peak. I contend that being an immigrant Englishman unfamiliar with the language, he miscopied the name in his manuscript and on the label in error. I therefore correct the spelling of the specific epithet to reflect the accepted Afrikaans spelling of the name of the locality as permitted by Article 60.1 of the International Code (Greuter *et al.* 2000).

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