

## SELAGINACEAE

### *MICRODON BRACTEATUS*—THE CORRECT NAME FOR *M. LUCIDUS*

Thunberg (1794) named one of his collections from southern Africa *Selago bracteata* Thunb. Ventenat (1804) described and illustrated other material of the same species and named it *Selago lucidus* Vent. When Choisy (1823) described his new genus *Microdon* Choisy, he recognized that the plant that Ventenat had drawn should be included in *Microdon* and therefore made the combination *Microdon lucidus* (Vent.) Choisy. Taxonomists, such as Walpers (1844) and Rolfe (1884), followed Choisy and retained his combination. The earliest epithet, however, is that of Thunberg and thus the correct combination is made below.

***Microdon bracteatus* (Thunb.) I.H. Hartley** comb. nov. Type: Cape Province, without precise locality, *Thunberg s.n.* (microfiche IDC 13904).

*Selago bracteata* Thunb.: 100 (1794); Thunb.: 465 (1823).

*Selago lucidus* Vent.: t. 26 (1804). *Microdon lucidus* (Vent.) Choisy: 97 (1823); E. Mey.: 253 (1835); Drège: 76, 77, 202 (1843); Choisy: 22 (1848); Walpers: 168 (1844); Rolfe: 354 (1884); Rolfe: 175 (1901). Iconotype: Ventenat, Jardin de la Malmaison: t. 26 (1804).

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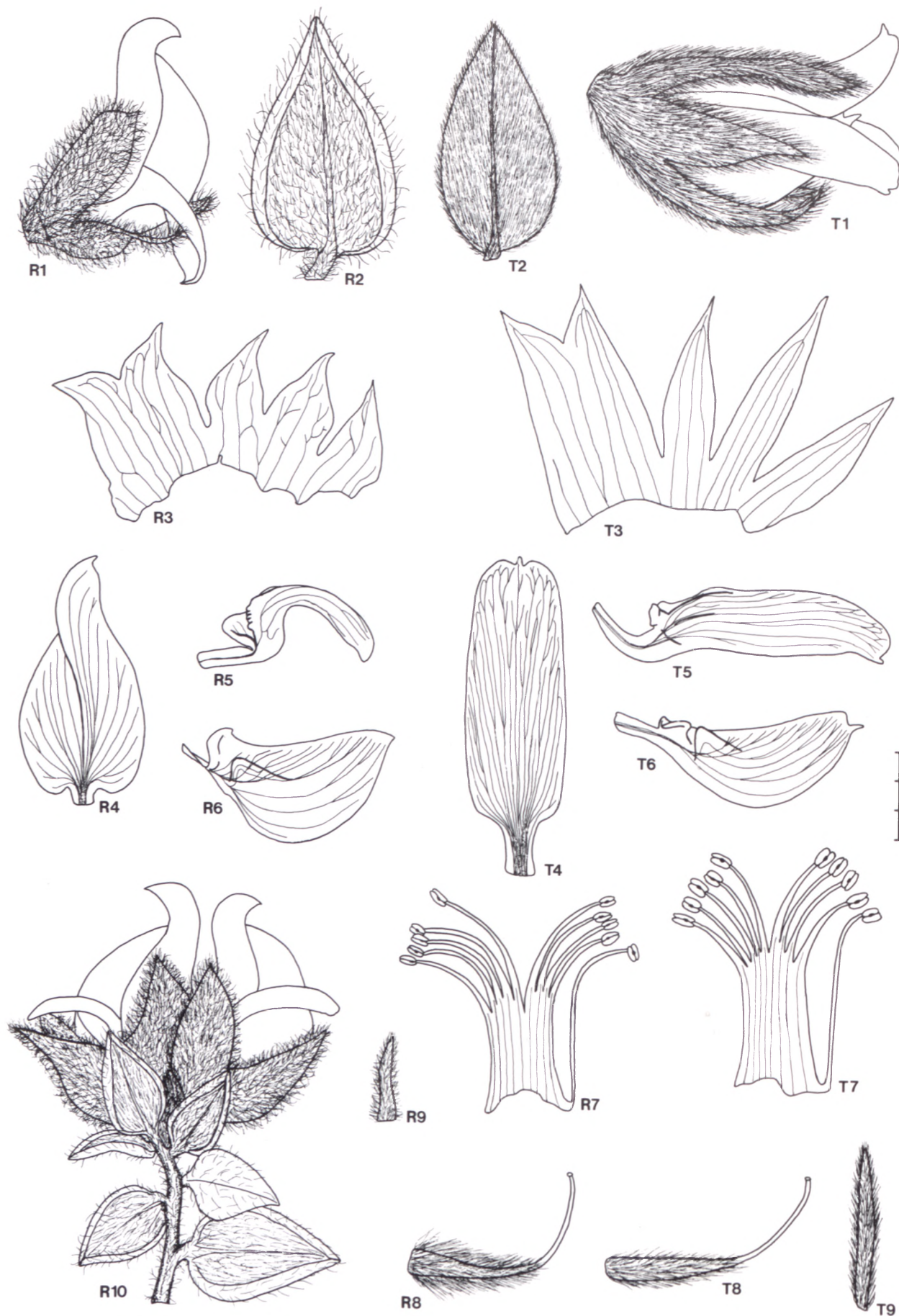


FIGURE 4. — *Amphithalea rostrata* (R1–R10) and *A. tomentosa* (T1–T9) showing the differences between the two species: R1 & T1, flowers in lateral view (note the cucullate standard petal and squarrose wing petal in *A. rostrata*); R2 & T2, leaves in abaxial view (note the revolute margin and pilose vestiture in *A. rostrata*); R3 & T3, calyces opened out with the upper lobes to the left, vestiture not shown; R4 & T4, standard petals; R5 & T5, wing petals; R6 & T6, keel petals; R7 & T7, stamens; R8 & T8, pistils; R9 & T9, bracts; R10, flowering branch. R1–R10 from Oliver 8752 in STE; T1–T9 from Schutte 327 in JRAU; scale in mm.

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