

CONVOLVULACEAE

THE CORRECT ORTHOGRAPHY AND AUTHOR CITATION OF *FALCKIA*

The genus *Falckia* Thunb. consists of three species and is restricted to Africa. It is always cited as *Falkia* L.f. Meeuse (1957: 658) discussed the historical background of the publication of the genus, based on Thunberg's collection and observations. He followed the contemporary assumption that *Supplementum plantarum* of the younger Linnaeus had been published earlier than the first part of Thunberg's *Nova genera plantarum*, a dissertation defended by C.F. Hornstedt. As to *Falkia*, this has been accepted by Farr *et al.* (1979) and Gibbs Russell (1984) as well. However, it has been established since, that Thunberg's publication dates from 24 November 1781, whereas *Supplementum plantarum* was not published before April 1782 (Stafleu & Cowan 1981: 112). These publication dates restore historical 'justice' in the orthography and author citation of *Falckia* Thunb. Thunberg cited in the protologue 'Act Lund.', this probably refers to 'Beskrifning pa et nytt slägte uti ört-riket, kalladt *Falckia*', *Physiogr. Sölsk. Handl.* 1.4: 303 t.4 f.3, which was only published in 1786.

***Falckia* Thunb.**, *Nova genera plantarum* 1: 17. 14 Nov. 1781. Type species: *Falckia repens* Thunberg, *ibidem*

(descriptio generico-specifica); lectotype: Thunberg, Cape of Good Hope, *Convolvulus falckia*, UPS-THUNB 4455.

Orth. var.: *Falkia* L. f., *Supplementum plantarum* 30: 211, April 1782.

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