New combinations in *Actaea, Justicia, Persicaria* and *Androsace*

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RHS botanists check, on a near daily basis, names of cultivated plants from a variety of sources. During our annual consolidated editing work for the *RHS Plant Finder*, we check on average 4000–5000 names that are submitted as new to the book. However, “new” names also come to us from the accessions within the four RHS gardens and the plants that are exhibited at RHS Shows, to name but two other sources.

While we are checking these names, we sometimes find a taxon for which, following our acceptance of a treatment that places it, for example, in another genus, we are unable to find a valid combination. Therefore, in the first of what may well become a regular article in *Hanburyana*, I am taking this opportunity to publish new combinations for some of these taxa.

**Actaea L.**
Compton *et al.* (1998) reduced *Cimicifuga* Wernisch. to synonymy with *Actaea* L. The following combinations are therefore required:


*Actaea austrokoreana* (H.W. Lee & C.W. Park) Cubey comb. nov.

**Justicia L.**
Graham (1988) in the treatment of *Justicia*, which was followed by Brummitt (1992), considered *Duvernoia* E. Mey. ex Nees to be a synonym of the former genus. The following species seems not to have been recombined:
Justicia aconitiflora (A. Meeuse) Cubey comb. nov.

Persicaria (L.) Mill.
The segregation of Persicaria from Polygonum L. proposed by Ronse De Craene and Akeroyd (1988) has been accepted by Wilson (1990) and Brummit (1992) and consequently some further transfers are provided below:

Persicaria coriacea (Sam.) Cubey comb. nov.

Persicaria dshawachischwillii (Kharkev.) Cubey comb. nov.

Persicaria emodi (Meisn.) Cubey comb. nov.

Persicaria macrophylla (D. Don) Cubey comb. nov.
Basionym: Polygonum macrophyllum D. Don, Prodromus Florae Nepalensis: 70 (1825).

Persicaria regeliana (Kom.) Cubey comb. nov.

Persicaria tenuicaulis (Bisset & S. Moore) Cubey comb. nov.

Androsace L.
In the account by Wendelbo (1961), followed by Brummit (1992), Douglasia Lindl. was considered to be a synonym of Androsace L. Smith &
Lowe (1997) noted that new names were required for two species but did not formally propose the combinations. This is rectified here:

**Androsace beringensis** (S. Kelso, Jurtzev & D.F. Murray) Cubey comb. nov.


**Androsace idahoensis** (D.M. Hend.) Cubey comb. nov.


**REFERENCES**


