



Ligustrum sinense var. *chayuense*, a new combination of Chinese Oleaceae

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Ligustrum L. (Oleaceae) is a genus of erect, deciduous or evergreen shrubs, sometimes forming small or medium-sized trees. It comprises about forty species and is distributed in Asia, Europe and Australia (Chang & Miao 1986, Chang *et al.* 1996, Qin 2009). The genus was recently studied by Qin (2009) with 23 species recognized in China.

Ligustrum rugosulum Smith (1917: 44) was united with *L. robustum* var. *chayuense* Bai (1979: 154) by Chang & Miao (1986) as a separate variety of *L. sinense* Loureiro (1790: 19), as *L. sinense* var. *rugosulum* (W.W.Sm.) Chang (1986: 78). In fact, according to Article 11 of the ICBN (McNeill *et al.* 2006), when treated at the variety rank, the name *Ligustrum robustum* var. *chayuense* has priority over *L. rugosulum*. In recent publications, this error was not corrected (Qiu *et al.* 1992, Chang *et al.* 1996; Qin 2009). Therefore, a new combination is proposed here.

Ligustrum sinense Lour. var. *chayuense* (P.Y.Bai) Y.F.Deng & B.Q.Xu, *comb. nov.*

Basionym:—*Ligustrum robustum* var. *chayuense* Bai (1979: 154). Type:—CHINA. Xizang: “Chayu” (Zayü), 2000 m, in ravine bush, 3 September 1976, C.Y.Wu *et al.* 5416 (holotype KUN!).

Synonym:—*Ligustrum rugosulum* Smith (1917: 44). *Ligustrum sinense* var. *rugosulum* (W.W.Sm.) Chang (1986: 78). Syntypes:—CHINA. Yunnan: “mountains south of Mengtse”, 5000 ft, sin. dat., A.Henry 11084B (A!, E!, MO!); “in forests south-east of Szemao”, 4000 ft., sin. dat., A.Henry 12803 (A!, E).

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