



Validating *Clitoria annua* var. *sekharii* (Fabaceae: Clitoriinae)

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Almeida (1998) published the name *Clitoria annua* var. *sekharii* M. R. Almeida & N. Chaturv. with a diagnosis in English, but not in Latin. For new names to be validly published between 1935–2011, a Latin description or diagnosis is required (Art. 36.1, McNeill *et al.*, 2006). In addition, he did not designate a type which was obligatory after 1 January 1958 (Art. 37.1). The combination therefore is doubly invalid. We here validate the combination by providing a diagnosis and designating a type.

Clitoria annua var. *sekharii* M. R. Almeida & N. Chaturv. ex Krishnaraj, N. Mohanan, Th. Davis & J. M. Abraham

Clitoria annua var. *sekhariana* M. R. Almeida & N. Chaturv., Fl. Maharashtra 2: 29. 1998. *nom. inval.*

A var. *typica* foliolis lanceolatis apicibus aliquantum acuminatis differt.

Type:— India. Maharashtra, Goregaon, Dang, 24 October 1955, D. P. Panthaki 16203 (Holotype BLAT).

Eponymy: Named after Mr. P.B. Sekhar, Programme Officer of the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS), in recognition of his services in Biodiversity studies in BNHS and his commitment to field biology especially in ornithology and herpetology.

Flowering and fruiting: September–October.

Distribution: India: Maharashtra—endemic.

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