



Notes on Early Land Plants Today. 44. Comments on sexuality in *Solenostoma* (Solenostomataceae, Marchantiophyta) and on some newly described taxa

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Abstract

The sexuality of *Solenostoma* species is discussed and it is concluded that *Solenostoma sanguinolentum* is heteroicous. This and other morphological differences from *Solenostoma marcescens* are discussed and they are considered to belong to the same species. Heteroicity probably also occurs in *Solenostoma micranthum* and possibly in other *Solenostoma* species. *Solenostoma rossicum* and *Solenostoma pyriformum* subsp. *purpureum* are new synonyms to *Solenostoma sphaerocarpum*. *Solenostoma ochotense* is a new synonym to *Solenostoma hokkaidense*. *Solenostoma costaricanum* is a new synonym to *Solenostoma amoenum*. *Plectocolea subbalfourii* is a new synonym to *Solenostoma balfourii*. *Solenostoma rubrum* var. *underwoodii* is a new synonym to *Solenostoma rubrum*. *Plectocolea yunnanensis* is a new synonym to *Solenostoma sikkimense*. *Solenostoma inundatum* var. *grandirete* is a new synonym to *Solenostoma orbiculatum*. *Solenostoma kurilense* and *Solenostoma ovalifolia* are new combinations and *Solenostoma philippinense* a new species.

Bakalin & Vilnet (2012) described two new species and made one new combination in *Solenostoma* and two new combinations in *Plectocolea*. Bakalin (2013) described four more taxa in *Solenostoma* and two in *Plectocolea* based on specimens in NY. Recent molecular studies (e.g. Feldberg *et al.* 2009) have shown that the two genera, as traditionally defined, can not be separated which is also shown by the phylogenetic tree in Vilnet & Bakalin (2012). Some of their *Plectocolea* species are therefore transferred to *Solenostoma*.

In their papers describing new taxa within *Solenostoma* and *Plectocolea*, Bakalin & Vilnet (2012) and Bakalin (2013) made two oversights. Firstly, they compared several of their new taxa with species that are not closely related. Secondly, they overlooked to mention taxa that, based on previously published descriptions, morphologically would be the closest relatives. The differences from their apparently closest relatives are most often so small that they fall within the variation of the species. The present paper addresses these issues.

The format of this note follows that which is outlined in Söderström *et al.* (2012) except that the Melbourne code of nomenclature (ICN; McNeill *et al.* 2012) is followed instead of the Vienna code (ICBN; McNeill *et al.* 2006). All corresponding specimens in NY have been seen by the first author.

The distinction between Solenostoma sanguinolentum and Solenostoma marcescens, and some notes on sexuality in Solenostoma

Bakalin (2013: 139) re-established *Jungermannia marcescens* Mitten (1861: 91) as a good species, *Solenostoma marcescens* (Mitt.) Bakalin (2013: 139), which Váňa (1973: 68) placed in synonymy of *Solenostoma sanguinolentum* (Griffith 1849: 302) Stephani (1901: 489). The experience with relatively copious material by the senior author allows the following comments on the proposed differences between *Solenostoma sanguinolentum* and *Solenostoma marcescens*.

Solenostoma orbiculatum (Colenso) R.M.Schust., *Beih. Nova Hedwigia* 119: 380, 2002 (Schuster 2002).
 Basionym: *Gymnomitrium orbiculatum* Colenso, *Trans. & Proc. New Zealand Inst.* 18: 236, 1886
 (Colenso 1886). Type: NEW ZEALAND. Waipawa Co.: Mangatawhainui river, near Norsewood, 10.1884
 Colenso (lectotype: WELT!, isotypes BM!, JE!, Herb. Hodgson 13674!, 13691!)
 = *Solenostoma inundatum* var. *grandirete* Bakalin, *Polish Bot. J.* 58: 135, 2013 (Bakalin 2013) *syn. nov.* Type: NEW
 ZEALAND: Great Barrier Island, s.d. *Hutton 3* (holotype NY-1717891!).

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