



## *Arenaria tenuifolia* versus *Arenaria hybrida* (Caryophyllaceae): Nomenclatural study and taxonomic implications

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### Abstract

The Linnaean name *Arenaria tenuifolia* (Caryophyllaceae) is lectotypified on a specimen preserved at LINN (no. 585.36). To verify its identity, the names *A. dichotoma* (*nom. illeg.*), *A. hybrida* (currently *Sabulina tenuifolia*), *A. tenuifolia* var. *vaillantiana* (currently *S. tenuifolia* subsp. *vaillantiana*), *Minuartia hybrida* var. *palaestina*, *M. hybrida* var. *parviflora*, and *M. hybrida* subsp. *turcica* (currently *S. tenuifolia* subsp. *turcica*) were investigated. Two iconography, one by Villars and a second by Vaillant are designated as lectotypes of *A. hybrida*, and *A. tenuifolia* var. *vaillantiana* respectively. In addition, the holotypes of *M. hybrida* var. *palaestina*, *M. hybrida* var. *parviflora*, and *M. hybrida* subsp. *turcica* (basionym of *S. tenuifolia* subsp. *turcica*) were examined at WU (var. *parviflora*) and E (var. *palaestina*, and subsp. *turcica*). The results show that Linnaeus's 1753 *A. tenuifolia*, has priority over Villars' 1779 *A. hybrida*. Therefore we here confirm the treatment of these two names by M. Dillenberger and J. Kadereit although neither name was typified by them. All of the above names are included in *Sabulina*. Since var. *palaestina* and var. *parviflora* have not yet transferred to *Sabulina* two new combinations are proposed herein, namely *S. tenuifolia* var. *palaestina*, and *S. tenuifolia* var. *parviflora*.

**Keywords:** *Arenaria*, illegitimate name, *Minuartia sensu lato*, new combination, *Sabulina*, typification

### Introduction

*Arenaria* Linnaeus (1753: 423) is a genus of more than 200 species distributed mainly in north temperate regions (Halliday 1993, Wu & Wanger 2001, Hartman *et al.* 2005). Linnaeus published 29 species in *Arenaria* (see Jarvis 2007: 311–313), and defined the genus broadly. Today, members of Linnaeus' genus are assigned to *Honkenya* Ehrhart (1783: 206), *Minuartia* Linnaeus (1753: 89), *Moheringia* Zumaglini (1860: 166), *Sabulina* Reichenbach (1832: 24), and *Spergularia* (Persoon 1805: 504) J.Presl & C.Presl (1819: 94) (see Greenberg & Donoghue 2011, Dillenberger & Kadereit, 2014). Of the Linnaean names, six appear to be untypified, and one—*Arenaria tenuifolia* Linnaeus (1753: 424)—is now assigned to *Sabulina*; the other five Linnaean names, all members of *Arenaria*, will be the subject of a future paper (Iamónico in prep.). Dillenberger & Kadereit synonymized *A. tenuifolia*, along with *A. hybrida* Villars (1779: 48), under *S. tenuifolia* (Linnaeus) Reichenbach (1832: 785) without typifying either name.

The present work is part of a review of *Arenaria* for a new edition of the Flora of Italy (see e.g., Conti *et al.* 2014; Iamónico 2011, 2013).

### Material and methods

This paper is based on an analysis of the relevant literature (protologues included), on floristic surveys (field collected material is deposited at HFLA), and on an examination of specimens preserved at E, FI, GRM, LINN, LIV, and RO (acronyms according to Thiers 2011).

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