

A new name for *Epigeneium arunachalense* A.N.Rao (Orchidaceae)

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Molecular and morpho-taxonomic studies (Schuiteman 2011, Xiang 2013, Schuiteman 2014) have established that the genus *Epigeneium* Gagnepain (1932: 593) forms a clade with the genus *Dendrobium* Swartz (1799: 82) and in view of the minor genetic and morphological differences it has been merged with the latter. Most of the names treated under *Epigeneium* have combinations in *Dendrobium* already. However, *Epigeneium arunachalense* Rao (2010: 3) has not yet been transferred to *Dendrobium*. The existence of the previously published *Dendrobium arunachalense* Deori, Sarma, Phukan & Mao (2006: 81) raises the need of a new name for the species.

Dendrobium subansiriense D.Verma & Barbhuiya, *nom. nov.*

Basionym: *Epigeneium arunachalense* Rao (2010: 3). Type:—INDIA. Arunachal Pradesh: Lower Subansiri district, Hakhetari-Rizampak, ca. 1200 m, April 1965, *Sastry 44804* (ASSAM!).

Etymology: Subansiri district is the type locality, hence we propose *subansiriense* as the new specific epithet.

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