



Typification of names in the group Coerulans of the genus *Sesleria* (Poaceae)

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Abstract

In this paper we typify and discuss twelve names belonging to group Coerulans in the genus *Sesleria* (Poaceae). The holotype is established for *S. tenerrima*, and lectotypes are designated for the names *S. bielzii*, *S. coerulans*, *S. coerulans* var. *borsae*, *S. comosa*, *S. klasterskyi*, *S. korabensis* var. *mrkvickana*, *S. krajinae*, *S. orbelica* and *S. orbelica* var. *pirinensis*. Neotypes are selected for the names *S. comosa* var. *weberii* and *S. haynaldiana*. Images are provided for nine specimens selected here as types that are not available online. Previously published typifications for other names in the Coerulans group are summarized.

Key words: holotype, lectotype, neotype, nomenclature, *Sesleria*, taxonomy

Introduction

The group (“Turma”) Coerulans of the grass genus *Sesleria* Scopoli (1760: 63), belonging to sect. *Calcariae* Deyl (1946: 77), was introduced by the Czech botanist Miloš Deyl (1906–1985), who was the most important authority for the taxonomy of this genus. Deyl was interested in plant ecology, as well as taxonomy and floristics, and took ecology into consideration when solving taxonomic problems. He utilized this approach in his taxonomic study of *Sesleria*, which is the only monographic work treating the whole genus, where he described seven new species and 21 varieties (Deyl 1946). Since no molecular tools were available at the time, he based his considerations on morphological studies of a great number of herbarium specimens deposited at his home institution (PR) and in several other European herbaria, as listed in the preface of his monograph (B, BRNU, BP, CL, G, GOET, GZU, LE, M, P, PR, PRC, SARA, SOM, W and WU, abbreviations according Thiers 2014), and on his observations in the field.

Taking into account Deyl’s significant contribution to the taxonomy of *Sesleria*, in this paper we follow his concept of the group Coerulans, with slight modifications on the basis of the most recent molecular phylogeny of the genus (Lakušić *et al.* 2013). According to the results of these analyses (AFLPs and plastid DNA sequences), the species *S. tatrae* Deyl (1946: 148) is more closely related to the species of the group Calcaria, while the phylogenetic position of *S. serbica* (Adamović 1896: 120) Ujhelyi (1959: 64) remains unclear (Lakušić *et al.* 2013). Therefore, these two species are not considered in this work. Furthermore, it has been shown that also belonging to this group are the species *S. achtarovii* Deyl (1946: 193), *S. filifolia* Hoppe (1834: 384) and *S. rigida* Heuffel ex Reichenbach in Reichenbach (1831: 140³) and their infraspecific forms (Lakušić *et al.* 2013); these are all members of the *S. rigida* species complex, which were previously included in the group (“Turma”) Rigida by Deyl (1946). The group Coerulans thus comprises the following taxa: *S. achtarovii*, *S. bielzii* Schur (1850: 109), *S. coerulans* Frivaldszky (1836: 438), *S. coerulans* var. *borsae* Deyl (1946: 139), *S. comosa* Velenovský (1886: 44), *S. comosa* var. *weberi* Deyl (1946: 134), *S. filifolia*, *S. haynaldiana* Schur (1856: 207), *S. korabensis* (Kümmerle & Jávorka 1926: 340) Deyl (1946: 141), *S. korabensis* var. *mrkvickana* Deyl (1946: 143), *S. klasterskyi* Deyl (1946: 144), *S. krajinae* Deyl (1946: 145), *S. marginata* Grisebach (1846: 442), *S. orbelica* (Velenovský 1898: 290) Hayek (1933: 237), *S. orbelica* var. *pirinensis* (Deyl 1946: 136), *S. rigida*, *S. rigida* var. *degenii* Deyl (1946: 190), *S. rigida* var. *panicii* Deyl (1946: 191) and *S. tenerrima* (Fritsch in Baldacci 1896: 652) Hayek (1918: 206).

Sesleria korabensis (Kümmerle & Jávorka in Jávorka 1926) Deyl (1946: 141)

Lectotype (designated by Kováts 2000: 34):—MACEDONIA. Korab, ad pagum Radomir, cc. 2700 m, 24 July 1918, *J. B. Kümmerle 91* (BP 733798!).

Sesleria marginata Grisebach (1846: 442)

Lectotype (designated by Strid 2000: 305):—BULGARIA. Reg. suprema Rilo, *E. von Friedrichsthal 562* (GOET 006924!).

Other original material examined:—BULGARIA. In reg. med. M. Rilo, *E. von Friedrichsthal 551* (WU 0030323!).

Sesleria rigida Heuffel ex Reichenbach in Reichenbach (1831: 140³)

Lectotype (designated by Kováts 1984: 65):—ROMANIA. In herbis montis Domuglett [Domogled], Apr. Mai [April. May] 1831, *J. Heuffel s.n.* (BP 10762!, right-hand plant).

=*Sesleria rigida* var. *degenii* Deyl (1946: 190)

Lectotype (designated by Kuzmanović *et al.* 2013: 468):—ROMANIA. In saxosis ad cacumina montis Domugled [Domogled] supra thermas Herkulis [Baile Herculane], 7 May 1894, *A. de Degen s.n.* (BP 19851!).

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