



Cissus notabilis, a new name for extant *Cissus spectabilis* (Vitaceae)

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The creation of the *International Fossil Plant Names Index* (IFPNI, 2014 onwards) with the aim of listing of all fossil plant species reveals a few new cases of homonymy between fossil and extant species. The name *Cissus spectabilis* (Kurz) Planchon (1887: 1092), originally published as *Vitis spectabilis* Kurz (1874: 196), is an illegitimate later homonym of *Cissus spectabilis* Heer (1878: 45) (Art. 53.1 of the ICN, McNeill *et al.*, 2012). *C. spectabilis* Heer is a fossil-species currently accepted (Kirchheimer 1939, Sosnowsky 1949, 1974, Kryshstofovich & Baikovskaja 1960), described from the Upper Cretaceous (Coniacian) deposits of Sakhalin island (Far East, Russian Federation). Since the preoccupied extant species *C. spectabilis* (Kurz) Planch., a narrow Indian endemic restricted to Sikkim, Siliguri and neighboring localities of West Bengal, is also currently recognized as a valid species (The Plant List 2013 onwards; eFlora of India 2014 onwards) and it does not have any synonym, a *nomen novum*, *C. notabilis*, is here formally proposed as a replacement name.

Systematics

Order Vitales Berchtold & Presl (1820: 225).

Family Vitaceae Jussieu (1789: 267).

Genus *Cissus* Linnaeus (1753: 117).

Cissus notabilis Doweld, *nom. nov.*

Basionym:—*Vitis spectabilis* Kurz (1874: 196).

Replaced synonym:—*Cissus spectabilis* (Kurz) Planchon (1887: 507), *nom. illeg.*, non Heer (1878: 45).

Type:—INDIA: Sikkim Terai, *S. Kurz s.n.* (holotype, K!).

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