

## Typification of *Bauhinia touranensis* (Leguminosae: Cercidoideae)

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**ABSTRACT.** A second-step lectotype and an epitype are designated here for *Bauhinia touranensis* Gagnep., now *Cheniella touranensis* (Gagnep.) R.Clark & Mackinder.

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### Introduction

In the protologue of *Bauhinia touranensis*, Gagnepain (1912) cited ‘Annam: Tourane, janvier 1837, n° 260 [Gaudichaud]; n° 494 [d’Alleizette]. – Tonkin: environs de Tu-phap, n°s 2133, 2134; baie d’Along, n° 1286 [Balansa]; environs de Ninh-binh, n°s 2513, 2607, 6193 [Bon]’. Clark & Mackinder in Clark et al. (2017) designated ‘Tonkin, environs de Tu-Phap, Fev. 1887, B. Balansa 2133 (P00798502)’ as the lectotype of *Bauhinia touranensis*. They appear to have overlooked Larsen & Larsen (1980) where ‘TYPE: Gaudichaud 260, P’ is cited, which must be accepted as an effective lectotypification under Art. 7.11 of the ICN (Turland et al., 2018). The lectotypification by Clark & Mackinder in Clark et al. (2017) is, therefore, superfluous. The two specimens of Gaudichaud 260 at P, P00798501 and P02088523, only have leaves and immature inflorescences. Larsen & Larsen (1980) did not annotate either of these specimens as the lectotype. Although P00798501 was annotated in 1973 by Larsen & Larsen, they may also have seen P02088523. Of the two specimens of Gaudichaud 260 seen, I propose a second-step lectotype designation of *Bauhinia touranensis* by choosing P02088523 because this specimen has a comparatively more mature inflorescence than P00798501. However, in my opinion, *Bauhinia touranensis* cannot be unambiguously identified by either of the two specimens of Gaudichaud 260 at P as a fully developed inflorescence in addition to the leaves is necessary. Designation of an epitype is, therefore, desirable for which the specimen incorrectly designated lectotype by Clark & Mackinder in Clark et al. (2017) is suitable.

***Cheniella touranensis*** (Gagnep.) R.Clark & Mackinder, Eur. J. Taxon. 360: 18 (2017). – *Bauhinia touranensis* Gagnep. in Notul. Syst. (Paris) 2(6): 181 (1912). –TYPE: Cochinchine, Tourane, January 1837, *Gaudichaud 260* (lectotype P [P00798501], first

step designated by Larsen & Larsen (1980), second step designated here; isolectotype P [P02088523]. Tonkin, environs de Tu-Phap, February 1887, *Balansa 2133* (epitype P [P00798502], designated here; isoeotype P [P00798503]).

*Distribution.* China, India, Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam.

*Notes.* Clark & Mackinder in Clark et al. (2017) stated that the receptacle is distinctly inflated at base but it is not so in the type specimens of *Bauhinia touranensis* cited by them at P and K. However, in the Chinese specimens of this species the receptacle is distinctly inflated on one side at base as can be clearly seen in the type material of *Bauhinia genuflexa* Craib (China, Kwangsi, Lung chow, Sim Kee Gorge, March 1897, H.B. Morse 408 (K [K000760702, K000760701])) and *Bauhinia henryi* Craib (China, Yunnan, Manpan, Red River Valley, 1500', A. Henry 10175 (K [K00076070])) which are treated as synonyms of *Cheniella touranensis*. This species is variable in this morphological characteristic.

Clark & Mackinder in Clark et al. (2017) transferred *Bauhinia touranensis* to the genus *Cheniella* R.Clark & Mackinder, the type of which was cited as '*Bauhinia corymbosa* Roxb., *Flora Indica* 2: 329 (Roxburgh, 1832)' but this name is a later isonym of *B. corymbosa* Roxb. ex DC. (Candolle, 1825). The generic name *Cheniella* is nevertheless validly published under Articles 40.3 and 41.8(a) of the ICN (Turland et al., 2018).

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