

New combination in the genus *Afgekia* (Fabaceae, Papilionoideae)

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Afgekia filipes (Dunn) R. Geesink var. *tomentosa* (Z. Wei) Y.F. Deng & H.N. Qin, *comb. nova*, is proposed for *Whitfordiodendron filipes* Dunn var. *tomentosum* Z. Wei.

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The genus *Afgekia* (Fabaceae) is distributed in SW China, Vietnam, Laos and Thailand (Craib 1927, Hutchinson 1967, Burt & Chermisiriavathana 1971, Geesink 1981, 1984, Lock & Simpson 1994, Phan Ke Loc 1996, Phan Ke Loc & Vidal 2001). A synopsis of the genus was presented by Geesink (1984), and there are three species recognized: *A. sericea* Craib, *A. mahidolae* Burt & Chermisir., and *A. filipes* (Dunn) R. Geesink.

Wei (1989) described *Whitfordiodendron filipes* var. *tomentosum* from Yunnan, China, which, however, should be placed in *Afgekia*, as we have concluded after examining the specimens of *Afgekia* in Chinese herbaria cited below. Therefore, we propose the new combination here.

Afgekia filipes* (Dunn) R. Geesink var. *tomentosa* (Z. Wei) Y.F. Deng & H.N. Qin, *comb. nova

BASIONYM: *Whitfordiodendron filipes* Dunn var. *tomentosum* Z. Wei, Acta Phytotax. Sin. 27(1): 75. 1989. — TYPE: China. Yunnan, Marlipo xian, C. W. Wang 84801 (holotype PE!; isotypes IBSC!, KUN!).

ADDITIONAL SPECIMENS EXAMINED: — **China.** Guangxi: Napo xian, Liulian xiang, Niandiaoshan, 9.X.1935 S. P. Ko 55869 (IBSC); Napo xian, Baidu gongshe, Nonghua dadui, 14.V.1983 H. S. Lo, D. Fang & S. P. Xu 25204 (IBSC); Napo xian, Baidu gongshe, Nonghua dadui, D. Fang et al. 22391 (GXMI). Yunnan: Marlipo xian, Hwang-jin-in, 1100–1400 m, in mixed forests on rocky mountain scandent shrub, 10 ft high, 13.XI.1947 K. M. Feng 13231 (KUN, PE).

Afgekia filipes var. *tomentosa* differs from var. *filipes* mainly in the coriaceous leaflets and the inflorescence axis, which is densely hairy, the hairs being bright-brown in colour (Wei 1989, 1994).

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