

## *Microtropis chaffanjonii* (H. Lév.) Y.F. Deng, *comb. nova* (Celastraceae)

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When *Myrsine chaffanjonii* H. Lév. is united with *M. yunnanensis* (Hu) C.Y. Cheng & T.C. Kao *ex* Q. H. Chen, the epithet *chaffanjonii* has priority at specific rank. Therefore, a new combination, *Microtropis chaffanjonii* (H. Lév.) Y.F. Deng is proposed herein.

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*Microtropis yunnanensis* (Hu) C.Y. Cheng & T.C. Kao *ex* Q.H. Chen, originally described as *Microtropis illicifolia* var. *yunnanensis* (Hu 1936), is a Chinese endemic species in the family Celastraceae. It is distributed in Guangxi, Guizhou, Sichuan and Yunnan Provinces (Chen 1986, Cheng & Ma 1999, Shui & Chen 2002). When Chen (1986) proposed this new combination, he cited the name *Myrsine chaffanjonii* H. Lév. as a synonym. According to Art. 11.4 and 52 of the Vienna Code (McNeill *et al.* 2006), the name *Microtropis yunnanensis* was nomenclaturally superfluous when published and the epithet of the older name should be used at the rank of species.

*Myrsine chaffanjonii* was described by Lévellé (1914–1915) in the family Myrsinaceae. Rehder (1937) correctly identified it as a *Microtropis* and recognized it as a synonym of *M. fokienensis* Dunn (1908), followed by Merrill and Freeman (1940) and Lauener (1967). However, it is easily distinguished from *M. fokien-*

*ensis* in having the leaves oblong to elliptic (*vs.* obovate to broadly oblanceolate), lateral veins in 7–8 pairs (*vs.* 4–5 pairs), peduncles 3.5–8 mm long (*vs.* ca. 1.5 mm), and flowers 4-merous (*vs.* 5-merous). Therefore, a new combination is proposed herein.

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*Myrsine chaffanjonii* H. Lév., Fl. Kouy-Tchéou 287. 1914–1915 (“*chanffanjonii*”). — TYPE: China. Guizhou: “environs de Kouy-yang, mont du Collège”, I–II.1898 *J. Chaffanjon in Herb. Bodinier 2024* (holotype E).

*Microtropis illicifolia* Koidz. var. *yunnanensis* Hu, Bull. Fan Mem. Inst. Biol. 7: 214. 1936. — *Microtropis yunnanensis* (Hu) C.Y. Cheng & T.C. Kao *ex* Q.H. Chen, Fl. Guizhou. 2: 419. 1985. — TYPE: China. Yunnan: Wenshan County, alt. 1800 m, 25 I.1933 *H. T. Tsai 51664* (holotype PE).

*Microtropis fokienensis sensu* Rehd., J. Arnold Arbor. 18: 216. 1937, *non* Dunn, J. Linn. Soc., Bot. 38: 357. 1908.

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