

Stipa kotuchovii, nom. nov. (Poaceae)

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Stipa kotuchovii M. Nobis, nom. nov., must replace *S. monticola* Kotuch. 1998, which is an illegitimate name as a younger homonym of *S. monticola* H. Scholz 1993.

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TYPONYM: *Stipa monticola* Kotuch., *Turczaninowia* 1(1): 11. 1998, nom. illeg. (non *Stipa monticola* H. Scholz, *Willdenowia* 23: 117. 1993).

ETYMOLOGY: The species name honours the eminent Kazakh botanist Yuri A. Kotukhov (Lat.: Ju. A. Kotuchov).

Kotukhov (1998) described a new feather grass species named *Stipa monticola*, based on a specimen from the Saur Mts. in Kazakhstan. He overlooked that the binomen had already been used by Scholz (1993) for a species from Vermion Massif in Greece, and according to McNeill *et al.* (2006), *Stipa monticola* Kotuch. is an illegitimate later homonym of *Stipa monticola* H. Scholz. The Asian feather grass species thus needed a new name.

The two species belong to two different sections of *Stipa*. Kotukhov's species belongs to the section *Leiostipa*, whereas the species described by Scholz belongs to the section *Stipa*. Both of these taxa are treated as endemic (Scholz 1993, Kotukhov 1998, 2002).

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¹ According to the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature (McNeill *et al.* 2006: Chapter IV, recommendation 46D.1.) an author describing a new taxon should not use the word 'nobis' or 'mihi' or its abbreviation 'nob.' or 'm.' after the new taxon name. This situation was explained and an amendment was proposed by Nobis *et al.* (2009).