

## VALIDATING PELARGONIUM SECT. RENIFORMIA

Dreyer, in a paper on the subdivision of *Pelargonium* sect. *Cortusina* (DC.) Harv., (Dreyer *et al.* 1992: 94) clearly intended the establishment of sect. *Reniformia* (R.Knuth) Dreyer by the inclusion of the words *comb. nov.* in the manuscript. In the following pages the authors referred to the section as such. The newly established section was based on *P.* sect. *Cortusina* subsect. *Reniformia* R.Knuth (1912: 443). The combination proposed there is, however, invalid as, in excluding full and direct citation of the basionym, it does not comply with Articles 32.5 and 33.4 of the Code (McNeill *et al.* 2006).

In 2000, Dreyer (Dreyer & Marais 2000) again established the section based on the same basionym as indicated above. Here a Latin diagnosis supplemented the new combination but again no full and direct reference to the name-bringing basionym was provided, as is prescribed in Articles 32.5 and 33.4 of the Code (McNeill *et al.* 2006) rendering this combination also invalid.

The section name is validated here.

***Pelargonium* sect. *Reniformia* (R.Knuth) Dreyer ex J.P.Roux, comb. et stat. nov.**

*Pelargonium* sect. *Cortusina* subsect. *Reniformia* R.Knuth in Engler, *Das Pflanzenreich* 53: 443 (25 Mar.

1912). Type: *Pelargonium reniforme* Curtis, designated by Dreyer (1992: 94).

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