

Studies in the genus *Hypericum* L (Hypericaceae) 5(2). Sections 17. *Hirtella* to 19. *Coridium*.

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Abstract

Part 5(2) of this monographic series of papers on the genus *Hypericum* contains treatments of the remaining sections: Sections 17. *Hirtella*, 18. *Taeniocarpum* and 19. *Coridium*, which form a related group centred in eastern Turkey and Transcaucasia and extending in area from Morocco, Portugal and Ireland to western Xinjiang and the Altai and southern Angara-Sayan regions of Siberia. One new series, one new species and one new subspecies are described in Section 17. *Hirtella* (Series *Scabra* N.Robson, *ser. nov.*, *H. hedgei* N.Robson, *sp. nov.*, *H. hyssopifolium* subsp. *acutum* N.Robson, *subsp. nov.*), and two new species and one new subspecies in Section 18. *Taeniocarpum* (*H. pseudorepens* N.Robson, *sp. nov.*, *H. vaccinioides* N.Robson, *sp. nov.*, *H. armenum* subsp. *iranicum* N.Robson, *subsp. nov.*). Four new combinations or changes of rank are made, three in Section 17 (*H. elongatum* var. *lythrifolium* (Boiss.) N.Robson, *comb. nov.*, *H. elongatum* var. *racemosum* (Kuntze) N.Robson, *comb. nov.*, *H. elongatum* var. *antasiaticum* (Grossh.) N.Robson, *stat. nov.*) and one in Section 18: *H. linarioides* subsp. *alpestre* (Steven) N.Robson, *stat. et comb. nov.*

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