



Studies on the genus *Atriplex* (Amaranthaceae) in Italy. V. *Atriplex tornabenei*

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Abstract

The typification of the name *Atriplex tornabenei* (a nomen novum pro *A. arenaria*) is discussed. An illustration by Cupani is designated as the lectotype, while a specimen from FI is designated as the epitype. Chorological and morphological notes in comparison with the related species *A. rosea* and *A. tatarica* are also provided. A nomenclatural change (*Atriplex tornabenei* subsp. *pedunculata* stat. nov.) is proposed.

Key words: *Atriplex tornabenei* var. *pedunculata*, epitype, infraspecific variability, lectotype, Mediterranean, nomenclatural change, nomen novum

Introduction

Atriplex Linnaeus (1753: 1054) is a genus of about 260 species distributed in arid and semiarid regions of Eurasia, America and Australia (Sukhorukov & Danin 2009).

Several names (at species, subspecies, variety and form ranks) were described related to the high phenotypic variability of this critical genus (Al-Turki *et al.* 2000). As consequence, misapplication of names and nomenclatural disorders exist and need clarification.

In this paper, the identity of the *A. tornabenei* Tineo ex Gussone (1843: 589) is discussed as part of the treatment of the genus *Atriplex* for the new edition of the Italian Flora (editor, Prof. S. Pignatti) and within the initiative “Italian Loci Classici Census” (Domina *et al.* 2012) launched in 2010 under the auspices of the Italian Botanic Society (e.g. Iamonico 2010, 2012a, 2012b, 2013, Iamonico *et al.* 2011, Di Pietro *et al.* 2012, Gallo *et al.* 2012, Iamonico & Reveal 2012, Amadei *et al.* 2013).

Materials and Methods

The present study was carried out by an extensive analysis of literature (protogues included), personal field investigations and the examination of the specimens kept in the Herbaria APP, FI, GZU, HFLA, KUFS, LINN, MA, NAP, P, PAL, RO, and W (acronyms according to Thiers 2011). The descriptions are based on personal observations.

Typification of the names

Gussone’s protologue (Gussone 1843: 589) consists of a detailed diagnosis and description with two synonyms cited from Tineo (1827: 276–277) and Cupani (1696: 27), the first one referred to *A. arenaria* Tineo (1827: 276), a later heterotypic synonym of *A. arenaria* Nuttall (1818: 198) and so, an illegitimate name under the art. 53.1 of the ICN (McNeill *et al.* 2012). Therefore, Gussone (l.c.) proposed a new name pro *A. arenaria*

Atriplex rosea L.—CYPRUS. Limassol: zypern archäologischen Gelände des Heiligtums der Aphrodite, 22 June 1996, Walter 7920 (W!); ITALY. Lazio: Cerenova (Lido di Cerveteri), spiaggia, paludi, ruder, ecc., 23 October 1977, Anzalone (RO!); Ladispoli-Cerenova, loc. Campo di Mare, September 1985, Anzalone (RO!); SPAIN. Madrid: Colemar de Oreja près de Madrid, 19 September 1980, Sag 1007 (P!).

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