



## Type designation and new combination for the alpine intergeneric hybrid *×Pseudadenia micrantha* (Orchidinae, Orchidaceae)

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### Abstract

A new combination, *×Pseudadenia micrantha*, is proposed for the rare intergeneric hybrid between *Gymnadenia rhellicani* *× Pseudorchis albida*. Kerner did not designate a holotype and the 1976 typification of Hautzinger was not in accord with the ICN Code. An illustration by Kerner is designated here as the lectotype. Chorological and morphological notes detailing comparison with the parental species are provided.

### Riassunto

Una nuova combinazione, *×Pseudadenia micrantha*, viene proposta per il raro ibrido intergenerico tra *Gymnadenia rhellicani* *× Pseudorchis albida*. Kerner non istituì un olotipo e la tipificazione fatta da Hautzinger nel 1976 è contro il Codice ICN. Una illustrazione di Kerner viene designata come lectotipo. Vengono fornite anche note corologiche e morfologiche di confronto con le specie parentali.

**Key words:** Anton Joseph Kerner von Marilaun, Baron Franz von Hausmann, Rupert Huter, taxonomy

### Introduction

Kerner (1865) and Sauter (1899) identified the Austrian Tyrol, as it was in the imperial epoch, as the ‘cradle’ of a novel hybrid orchid. Kerner (1865: 227) wrote that he had received a specimen from Baron Franz von Hausmann of Bolzano who, in turn, had received this specimen from a friend of his, the botanist Rupert Huter.

Kerner described this plant as a hybrid between *Nigritella angustifolia* Richard (1817) *× Gymnadenia albida* (L.) Richard (1817) now considered respectively as synonyms of *Gymnadenia rhellicani* (Teppner & E. Klein) Teppner & E. Klein (1998) *× Pseudorchis albida* (L.) Á. Löve & D. Löve (1969). In subsequent years, several authors have changed the name of this intergeneric hybrid, but no attention has been paid to the fact that Kerner did not designate holotype. Kerner based his description and accompanying illustrations on the single specimen he received from its discoverer, Rupert Huter on Mount Schleinitz (Austria: South Tyrol) (Fig. 1).

Caul. circa 150mm. alt. Fol. media 45–70mm. lg. 5–8mm. lt. Spica circa 35mm. lg. 12–14mm. lt. Bracteae 10–12mm. lg. 2mm. lt. Perig. lacin. ext. 4mm. lg. 1.5mm. lt. Perig. lacin. int. laterales 3.5mm. lg. 1.5mm. lt. Labellum 3.5–4mm. lg. 3.5mm. lt. Calcar 1.5mm. lg. 1mm. lt.

Icon. nost. Tb. 6. I. Planta integra 1 : 1, Tb. 5. XIII. Flos antice 2 : 1, XIV Flos a latere 2 : 1.

Bisher in einem einzigen Exemplare von Huter auf Bergwiesen der Schleinitz im tirolischen Pusterthale aufgefunden. Das Exemplar wurde von Huter an Baron Hausmann nach Botzen gesendet, welcher letzterer so freundlich war, mir selbes zur Ansicht mitzutheilen.

**FIGURE 1.** Extract from the description in German of *Nigritella micrantha* by Kerner (1865: 227).

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