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Taxonomic novelties in *Jacquemontia* Choisy (Convolvulaceae) from Southeastern Brazil

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Abstract

Two additional species are recognised in *Jacquemontia*. The new combination *Jacquemontia frankeana* is proposed, based on *Convolvulus frankeanus*, since this species is clearly referable to *Jacquemontia* rather than *Convolvulus* based on its stigma morphology and possession of stellate hairs. It is distinguished from closely related species of *Jacquemontia* by the glabrescent leaves, the stellate adpressed hairs with 4–5-rays, and the two outer sepals being smaller than the inner. *Jacquemontia glabrescens* is also recognized at specific rank, based on *Jacquemontia grandiflora* var. *glabrescens*. It is distinguished from the morphologically similar *J. ferruginea* and *J. cataractae* by a combination of glabrescent leaves, bigger flowers, rhombic to ovate outer sepals and glabrous to glabrescent. Synonymy of these taxa and typification are also addressed.

Resumo

Duas espécies adicionais são reconhecidas em *Jacquemontia*. A nova combinação *Jacquemontia frankeana* é proposta, baseada em *Convolvulus frankeanus*, uma vez que esta espécie é claramente referida a *Jacquemontia* ao invés de *Convolvulus*, considerando a morfologia de seus estigmas e a presença de tricomas estrelados. É distinta das espécies próximas pelas folhas glabrescentes, pelos tricomas estrelados adpressos, 4–5-radiados, e pelas duas sépalas externas sendo menores que as internas. *Jacquemontia glabrescens* é reconhecida em nível específico, baseada em *Jacquemontia grandiflora* var. *glabrescens*. Distingue-se de *J. ferruginea* e *J. cataractae*, que são espécies morfologicamente semelhantes, pela combinação das folhas glabrescentes, flores maiores, sépalas rômbicas a ovadas e glabras a glabrescentes. A sinonímia destes táxons e tipificações também são apresentadas.

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Introduction

Convolvulaceae Jussieu (1789: 132) is a diverse family, widely distributed in the tropics and with relatively few species in temperate regions (Austin & Cavalcante 1982, Deroin 2001). It includes many pioneer and weedy species, and several lianas in rainforest vegetation (Fosberg & Sachet 1977), most of them growing along forest edges. According to Stefanović *et al.* (2003) it is a monophyletic family currently divided into twelve clades, although some genera remain polyphyletic. The tribe *Jacquemontiae* Stefanović & D.F. Austin (2003: 802) was proposed to accommodate the genus *Jacquemontia* Choisy (1834: 476), that was traditionally considered as a member of the tribe *Convolvuleae* Choisy (1845: 325) but that was rendered polyphyletic by its inclusion.

Choisy (1834) described *Jacquemontia* in honor of the French naturalist Victor Jacquemont, including those species with two ellipsoidal stigmas previously belonging to *Convolvulus* Linnaeus (1753: 153) and *Ipomoea* Linnaeus (1753: 159). The genus is characterized by the presence of 3–8-radiate, stellate trichomes, with equal to unequal rays; the ovary is glabrous with a simple style and two ellipsoid and terminal flattened stigmas; the fruit is a usually 8-valvate capsule; seeds are glabrous, verrucose or rugose, usually bearing small wings at the margins (O'Donell 1960, Robertson 1971).