

SYNONYMY OF *BEGONIA KERALENSIS* WITH *BEGONIA BACHULKARII*

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Begonia keralensis Pradeep, Sinj. Thomas & Britto and *Begonia bachulkarii* Aitawade, Kattuk. & S.R.Yadav were independently described recently from Nelliampathy in Kerala, India, within two weeks of each other. The names are based on different types but represent the same taxon. Because *Begonia bachulkarii* is the earliest published name, *Begonia keralensis* is reduced to synonymy.

Begonia bachulkarii Aitawade, Kattuk. & S.R.Yadav, Phytotaxa 423(5): 278 (2019).

Begonia keralensis Pradeep, Sinj. Thomas & Britto, Edinburgh Journal of Botany, doi: [10.1017/S0960428619000349](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0960428619000349): 14 (2019), **syn. nov.** – Type: India. Kerala, Palakkad District, Nelliampathy, 10°32'03.8"N, 76°40'51.6"E, 20 xii 2017, *Nikhil Krishna* 168413 (holo CALI!; iso MH!, CALI!).

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