

SHORT COMMUNICATIONS

Return to *Pseudogaltonia* (Liliaceae)

The flowering of a new introduction of *Pseudogaltonia clavata* at Edinburgh reverted my attention to this species, which had only been dealt with as one to be excluded from *Galtonia* itself when revising that genus (Hilliard & Burt, 1988). The nomenclatural change from *Pseudogaltonia* to *Lindneria* (Speta, 1985) proves to have been mistaken. The rather complicated history of this interesting and distinctive plant is therefore reviewed.

There were three separate introductions of this plant within the space of a few years, each of which gave rise to a new name. The first bulbs were received at Kew in 1879 from Mr C. Ayres of Cape Town, apparently without detailed information on their place of origin. They flowered at Kew in 1881, but were first mentioned in print in an editorial note in the *Gardener's Chronicle* for 27 September 1884 under the name *Galtonia clavata*. The information given was scanty, but sufficient to validate the name, which must therefore be attributed to Maxwell T. Masters, who was editor at that time. J.G. Baker may very probably have given the name to the plants growing at Kew, but his own account was not published till July 1886.

The second introduction was made by Dr Pechuel-Loesche who sent bulbs from Hereroland (now in Namibia) to the Botanic Garden in Berlin, where they were studied by O. Kuntze. He effectively established a section *Pseudogaltonia* of *Hyacinthus*, but only suggested that it might, perhaps, be recognized as a genus. He named the plant *Hyacinthus pechuelii* (Kuntze, 1880).

Finally a further introduction was made by M.O. Lindner; his bulbs from Damaraland (also now in Namibia) were sent to the Botanic Garden at Brussels. On these T. Durand & Lubbers founded the genus *Lindneria* and the species *L. fibrillosa* (Durand, 1889).

Until recently the generic name commonly in use was *Pseudogaltonia*, and it was attributed to Kuntze (1886). Speta (1985) has rightly rejected this view. It is quite impossible to maintain that Kuntze definitely accepted *Pseudogaltonia* as a genus. He established it as a section of *Hyacinthus* and said it might be a genus.

Speta therefore took up the name *Lindneria* Durand & Lubbers. However, in doing so he overlooked the valid use of *Pseudogaltonia* as a genus by Engler (1888). Although Engler attributed the name to Kuntze, that is immaterial: the correct authority for the genus is (Kuntze) Engler and the date of its validation is 1888, one year before *Lindneria* was published. It is therefore necessary to abandon the name *Lindneria* and revert to *Pseudogaltonia*. Dr F. Speta has kindly read this note; he too had realized that *Pseudogaltonia* had been validated by Engler. Nomenclatural details are set out below.

Pseudogaltonia (Kuntze) Engler in Engler & Prantl, *Natürl. Pflanzerfam.* 2, Abt 5: 158 (1888); Krause in *op.cit.* 2 Aufl. 15A: 347 (1930).

Syn.: *Hyacinthus* L. sect. *Pseudogaltonia* Kuntze in Jahrb. Kön. Bot. Gart. Berlin 4: 274 (Sept. 1886). Type: *H. pechuelii* Kuntze

Lindneria T. Durand & Lubbers in Bull. Soc. Bot. France 36: ccxvii (1889); Speta in Bot. Jahrb. Syst. 106: 123 (1985); Reid in Mem. Bot. Surv. S. Afr. 62: 153 (1993). Type: *L. fibrillosa* T. Durand & Lubbers.

Pseudogaltonia clavata (Mast.) Phillips in Flow. Pl. S. Afr. 15: t.580 (1935); Roy. Hort. Soc. Dict. Gard. 1703 (1951), ed. 2, 1703 (1956); New Roy. Hort. Soc. Dict. Gard. 3: 743 (1992).

Syn.: *Galtonia clavata* Mast. in Gard. Chron. N.S.22: 401 (27 ix 1884); Baker in Bot. Mag. 112: tab. 6885 (1 vii 1886) & in Fl. Cap. 6: 451 (1897).

Hyacinthus pechuelii Kuntze in Jahrb. Königl. Bot. Gart. Berlin 4: 274 (Sept. 1886).

Lindneria fibrillosa T. Durand & Lubbers in Bull. Soc. Bot. France 36: ccxvii, tab. 18 (1889).

Pseudogaltonia pechuelii (Kuntze) Engler in Engler & Prantl, Natürl. Pflanzenfam. 2 Abt.5: 158 (1888); Baker in Fl. Trop. Afr. 7: 523 (1898); Krause in Engler & Prantl, Natürl. Pflanzenfam. 2 Aufl. 15A: 347 (1930).

Pseudogaltonia subspicata Baker in Bull. Herb. Boissier, 2 (1): 853 (1901).

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The disposal of two unnecessary names in *Aeschynanthus* (*Gesneriaceae*)

In 1928 F. Kränzlin proposed two new specific names for two old, poor, and incompletely localized specimens that he found in the Vienna herbarium. I have traced no further use of these names, but if such items are continuously ignored they become