

A NOTE ON ACONITUM LEUCANTHUM (BRÜHL) STAPF

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Aconitum heterophylloides (Brühl) Stapf var. *leucanthum* (Brühl) Lauener
comb. nov.

Syn.: *A. ferox* Wall. subsp. *ferox* var. *leucanthum* Brühl in Ann. Roy. Bot.
Gard. Calc. 5: (2), 110 (1896) pro parte.

A. leucanthum (Brühl) Stapf in Ann. Roy. Bot. Gard. Calc. 10: 173
(1905); Lauener in Notes R.B.G. Edinb. 25: 26 (1963)—non
Reichb. (1819).

INDIA: Sikkim Himalaya, Tenchang, 3960 m, 1888, *King's Collector* s.n.
(lectotype CAL, E).

It has previously escaped my notice that the name *Aconitum leucanthum* had already been used by Reichenbach for a European species and *A. leucanthum* (Brühl) Stapf is a later homonym. This species is extremely close to *A. heterophylloides* and reducing it to varietal rank once more, avoids the necessity of finding a new name.

Brühl cited four collections under his var. *leucanthum*, part of which Stapf put into *A. heterophylloides*. However, the specimen from Tenchang has been annotated by Brühl and by Stapf as "*leucanthum*" and is therefore selected as the lectotype.