

A NEW COMBINATION IN *PAPHIOPEDILUM* (ORCHIDACEAE)

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ABSTRACT. A new combination is proposed for a variant within *Paphiopedilum* Pfitzer, Section *Cochlopetalum* Hallier f. ex Pfitzer, found in Sumatra. It is *Paphiopedilum victoria-regina* (Sander) M.W. Wood var. *latifolium* (Schltr.) J. Beckner.

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INTRODUCTION

A local variant within *Paphiopedilum* Pfitzer, Section *Cochlopetalum* Hallier f. ex Pfitzer, is of horticultural interest. Botanists disagree as to whether this small section, from Java and Sumatra, is one variable species as in Wood (1976) or three or more species. In any case, a number of varieties and forms exist. Cribb (1998: 194–218) has published the account that is widely used at present. It accepts five species with two varieties. The variety dealt with in this paper is not mentioned. It was described under *P. chamberlainianum* (Schltr.) Stein, but Cribb (1998: 213, 216–218) discusses the complex taxonomic and nomenclatural muddle that arose concerning this species and concludes that *P. victoria-regina* (Sander) M.W. Wood is the correct name. Schlechter (1911) differentiated this variety from the typical one by describing leaves not at all tessellated and short but broad, with the auricles of the lip obtuse. The type specimen was found growing on limestone at “Bukit Djarat bei

Padang-Pandjang, ca. 1600 m ü. M. (R. Schlechter n. 15991.—Blühend am 1. Febr. 1907).” Presumably this specimen was lost in the 1943 fire that destroyed Schlechter’s collections. Following the widely used classification of Cribb (1998), I propose a new combination.

NEW COMBINATION

Paphiopedilum victoria-regina (Sander) M.W. Wood var. ***latifolium*** (Schltr.) J. Beckner, comb. nov. Basionym: *Paphiopedilum chamberlainianum* Pfitzer var. *latifolium* Schltr., Bot. Jahrb. Syst. 45(Beibl. 104): 3. 1911.

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