

## A NEW COMBINATION IN *HELIOTROPIMUM* (HELIOTROPIACEAE) FROM SOUTH AMERICA

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**Abstract.** A new combination in *Heliotropium* (Heliotropiaceae) from South America is proposed in this paper: *Heliotropium lilloi*.

**Resumen.** En este trabajo se propone una nueva combinación en *Heliotropium* (Heliotropiaceae) de Sudamérica: *Heliotropium lilloi*.

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The genus *Heliotropium* (Heliotropiaceae) was proposed by Linnaeus (1753) and, in its current circumscription according to suggestions of Diane et al. (2003), also encompasses all the species incorporated into *Tournefortia* sect. *Tournefortia* (= genus *Tournefortia* s.str.).

Based on Diane et al. (2016), *Heliotropium* encompasses about 300 cosmopolitan species growing especially in dry zones with centres of taxonomic diversification in the Irano-Turanian region and in the Neotropics.

*Heliotropium* representatives are herbs, subshrubs, shrubs or small trees, rarely scandent or lianescent. The leaves are alternate to pseudo-opposite, rarely pseudoterminal, linear to broadly ovate or obovate. Inflorescences are 1-pluribranching, ebracteose, many-flowered. The fruit are dry or fleshy; dry fruits separating into one- or two-seeded mericarps, rarely dry drupes, fleshy fruits unlobed, white, composed of usually two 2-seeded mericarps, often with empty chambers (Diane et al., 2016). According to The Plant List (2018) *Heliotropium* currently encompasses 821 names

of which approximately 130 are valid being necessary the updating of the names recently transferred to *Euploca* by Feuillet (2016), Luebert and Frohlich (2016), Feuillet and Hasle (2016, 2017), and Melo (2017a, b) as well as proceed the new combinations of the species of *Tournefortia* s.str. for *Heliotropium*.

Considering the current morphological characterization of *Heliotropium*, here one species of *Tournefortia* endemics from South America (Argentina and Bolivia), is transfer to the genus *Heliotropium* (Heliotropiaceae sensu BWG, 2016; Diane et al., 2016).

***Heliotropium lilloi*** (I.M. Johnst.) J.I.M. Melo, *comb. nov.*

Basionym: *Tournefortia lilloi* I.M. Johnst., Contr. Gray Herb. 92: 71. 1930. TYPE: ARGENTINA. Tucumán, Tafi Viejo, en las cercas, 22 September 1922, 550 m, *M. Lillo 7099* (Holotype: GH; isotype: CTES [not seen]).

**Distribution:** Argentina and Bolivia.

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