

Validation of *Memecylon kurichiarens* (Melastomataceae)

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Abstract

Memecylon kurichiarens Sivu *et al.*, an endemic species of Kerala, is republished here for validation.

The name “*Memecylon kurichiarens*” Sivu *et al.* (Sivu *et al.* 2015) was proposed as a new species. The authors provided a description and cited type. Their type citation, however, included two gatherings (1 March 2008 & 27 March 2008) made from Kurichiarmala shola forests of Wayanad district in Kerala, India. Unfortunately, the preceding species name was not validly published because the inclusion of two gatherings for type citation is contrary to Article 40.2 of ICN (“... the name of a new species or infraspecific taxon, indication of the type as required by Art. 40.1 can be achieved by reference to an entire gathering, or a part thereof, even if it consists of two or more specimens”; McNeill *et al.* 2012). Hence, the species name “*Memecylon kurichiarens*” is republished here for validation. Since the gender of the genus name *Memecylon* is neuter, the epithet “*kurichiarens*” is corrected here to “*kurichiarens*”

Memecylon kurichiarens Sivu, Aswathi & N.S. Pradeep, sp. nov.

Type

India: Western Ghats, Kerala, Wayanad District, Kurichiarmala Shola forest, alt. + 1436 m, 110° 36' 046" N and 75° 058' 092" E, 01-03-2008, (Fruiting), A.R. Sivu & M.K. Ratheesh Narayanan 61761 (holotype: TBGT!).

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