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Abstract


A new name in Sonchus is validated for Wildpretia beltraniae (non Sonchus ×beltraniae). The typification of both names is discussed, as it reflects on their valid publication, which is confirmed.
the protologue, having been retained in TFC. They were both collected on 30 May 1988, and neither bears a TFC number; they are actually paratypes (ICBN, Art. 8.5 and 9.8).

TFC 28789, the designated holotype of *Sonchus × beltraniae*, is a single specimen mounted on two sheets (ICBN Art. 8.3). One sheet bears the flowering and fruiting portion of a single plant, the other the vegetative basal portion of the same. According to the manuscript field label the specimen was collected on 20 January 1988. The second date mentioned in the protologue (28 April 1988) appears on the typed label, but is obviously erroneous. There exists no separate, fruiting specimen collected on the later date, as the protologue pretends.

Consequently, both *Wildpretia beltraniae* and *Sonchus × beltraniae* are validly published names, and our new combination, while equally validly published, is an illegitimate junior homonym, for which a new name is required:

*Sonchus esperanzae* N. Kilian & Greuter, **nom. nov.**

The epithets *esperanzae* and *beltraniae* both honour Esperanza Beltrán Tejera, competent and charming botanist-mycologist at the Department of Plant Biology, University of La Laguna, Tenerife (TFC).

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