A replacement name for a species of Hypoestes (Acanthaceae) from Somalia

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**Abstract**


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*Hypoestes canescens* Hedrén & Thulin, nom. nov., is proposed for the illegitimate name *H. cinerea* Hedrén, non C. B. Clarke.

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*Hypoestes cinerea* Hedrén, proposed for a species from central Somalia (Hedrén 2006a), is a later homonym of *H. cinerea* C.B. Clarke, described from the Philippines (Clarke 1906). It is therefore an illegitimate name under Art. 53.1 of the International Code of Nomenclature for algae, fungi, and plants (McNeill & al. 2012). Accordingly, a replacement name is here provided for the species in Somalia.


*Hypoestes canescens* is an endemic of central Somalia, where it is known from three collections only, all from coastal grassland near Hobyo. It may be locally common, but at present its conservation status can best be assessed as data deficient. A full description of the species is given in Hedrén (2006a) and Hedrén (2006b).

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