

# A new name in *Hibiscus* (Malvaceae) for Madagascar

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## Abstract

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## Résumé

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## Keywords

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## Introduction

A recent work establishes that members of the genus *Macrostelia* Hochr. are better placed in the genus *Hibiscus* L. (HANES et al., 2020). The two species previously described by HOCHREUTINER (1952) in *Macrostelia*, *Macrostelia calyculata* Hochr. and *M. involucratus* Hochr., were therefore transferred to *Hibiscus*. One of the new combinations, *Hibiscus involucratus* (Hochr.) M. Hanes et al., is illegitimate because it is a later homonym of *H. involucratus* Salisb. The new name *H. benedicti* Callm., G.E. Schatz & M. Hanes is published here as a replacement name for *Macrostelia involucratus* Hochr. following ICN Art. 6.11 (TURLAND et al., 2018).

***Hibiscus benedicti*** Callm., G.E. Schatz & M. Hanes, **nom. nov.**

= *Macrostelia involucratus* Hochr. in Notul. Syst. (Paris) 14: 230. 1952. = *Hibiscus involucratus* (Hochr.) M. Hanes, G.E. Schatz & Callm. in Candollea 75: 196. 2020 [nom. illeg., non Salisb. 1796].

**Holotypus:** MADAGASCAR. Reg. Atsimo-Atsinana [Prov. Fianarantsoa]: Vondrozo, [22°49'S 47°19'E], 11.IX.1926, fl., *Decary* 5257 (P [P00037126]!; iso-: G [G00014442]!, P [P00365083, P00037127]!, TEF).

*Etymology.* – The specific epithet honors Bénédict Pierre Georges Hochreutiner (1873–1959), who described the genus *Macrostelia*, now considered as a synonym of *Hibiscus* (HOCHREUTINER, 1952). Hochreutiner was a Swiss botanist and theologian, director of the Conservatoire et Jardin botaniques in Geneva from 1931 to 1943. He described more than 550 taxa and made some 150 new combinations within 60 plant families, but mainly in the *Malvaceae*, which he treated for the *Flore de Madagascar et des Comores* (HOCHREUTINER, 1955).

*Notes.* – In his *Prodromus stirpium*, SALISBURY (1796) provided his own specific epithet (*nomen triviale* in Linnaeus' vocabulary) for many species that had already been named by Linnaeus or other previous botanists, thus creating hundreds of superfluous and illegitimate names. Salisbury renamed *Hibiscus surattensis* L. as *H. involucratus* Salisb., which is clearly superfluous and illegitimate under ICN Art. 52.1 and 52.2 (TURLAND et al., 2018), but nevertheless validly published, and thus blocks the epithet *involucratus* in *Hibiscus*.

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