

NOMENCLATURAL NOTES ON THE GENERA  
DALZELLIA, LAWIA, MNIANTHUS, AND  
TERNIOLA (PODOSTEMACEAE)

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In 1846 GARDNER described *Tristicha zeylanica* based on material collected in Ceylon. TULASNE, however, in 1849, in his precursor to a monograph of the *Podostemaceae*, transferred this species to his new genus *Lawia*, adding, moreover, *L. pulchella* and *L. longipes*.

In 1852, TULASNE, apparently having discovered that his *Lawia* was antedated by *Lawia* Wight of 1847, transferred the three species to *Terniola*. Wight's *Lawia* later turned out to be a later synonym of the rubiaceous *Adenosachme*.

In the same year, January 1852, WIGHT placed the species of *Lawia* known to him — in this case *L. zeylanica* (Gardner) Tul. only — in his new genus *Dalzellia*, adding *D. foliosa* Wight, *D. lawii* Wight, *D. pedunculosa* Wight and *D. ramosissima* Wight.

Also in the year 1852 WALPERS placed Tulasne's three species of *Lawia* in *Mnianthus* as *M. zeylanicus* (Gardner) Walpers, *M. pulchellus* (Tul.) Walpers and *M. longipes* (Tul.) Walpers. It is evident from Walpers' text that he did not yet know Tulasne's paper of 1852 or that this paper was not yet published at the time of publication of Walpers' book. As far as can be traced Walpers' *Annales* must have been published before April the 8th, 1852, since in the *Oesterreichische Botanische Wochenblatt*, 2nd year, Nr 14, on page 118, is referred to Walpers' book as being recently published.

In an attempt to establish the priority of any of the three homotypic synonyms over the other I tried to find the date of publication of Tulasne's paper of 1852. The National Library of France nor the Museum of Natural History in Paris were able to give me the exact date of publication however. Therefore, since one of the three dates of publications of 1852 is unknown one is left free to make a choice in regarding one of the names as a valid one, provided earlier authors did not make this choice before.

For that we have to turn to WEDDELL's paper of 1873 and WARMING's paper of 1901.

WEDDELL in 1873 unites *Terniola* Tulasne, *Dalzellia* Wight and *Mnianthus* Walpers to one genus for which he chooses the name *Terniola*. Seven species are included, viz *T. foliosa* (Wight) Wedd., *T. lawii* (Wight) Wedd., *T. longipes* (Tul.) Tul., *T. pedunculosa* (Wight) Wedd., *T. pulchella* (Tul.) Tul., *T. ramosissima* (Wight) Wedd., and *T. zeylanica* (Gardner) Tul.

With this choice it is well established that the generic name *Terniola* Tulasne should be used to include the species of the genera *Dalzellia*, *Lawia*, *Mnianthus* and *Terniola*.

As regards to the type species of *Terniola* we can find in WARMING's paper of 1901 a reference to this. Here he indicates *Lawia zeylanica* as the type species of *Lawia*, but on the other hand he indicates *Terniola foliosa* as the type species of *Terniola*. To this can be remarked that the last typification is not a correct one since under the present-day rules of nomenclature a type species can only be indicated from among the species originally described in that genus. In this case *Terniola foliosa* is inserted in *Terniola* by Weddell in 1873 based on *Dalzellia foliosa* Wight and the original *Terniola* of Tulasne did not include *T. foliosa* at all.

Actually nomenclatorally it is not important which species Warming indicated as being the type species of *Lawia* and *Terniola*, since a later study of WILLIS showed that both species (*Lawia zeylanica* and *Terniola foliosa*) are conspecific and as *Lawia zeylanica* is based on *Tristicha zeylanica* of 1846 and *Terniola foliosa* is based on *Dalzellia foliosa* of 1852 the specific epithet *zeylanica* is the one to be used. Therefore we have to regard *Terniola zeylanica* (Gardner) Tulasne as the type species of the genus *Terniola*.

Weddell's conception of *Terniola* is, however, too large and we have to exclude *T. ramosissima* (Wight) Weddell. This species consists of long, creeping roots from which arise long, slender, often branched shoots with linear, scattered leaves, while all the other species of *Terniola* (now representing only one, highly variable species) have lichen-like expanded roots from which very short shoots arise with the leaves densely conferted at the tip of the shoots. As no generic name is available to be applied to a genus including this species the new name *Indotristicha* is used, referring to the form of the plant which resembles a true *Tristicha* species, but differing from that genus by the three stamens and the cupular-like organ which is formed by connate leaves at the base of the pedicel. Moreover the genus *Tristicha* is restricted to America and Africa and as this new genus is found in India this explains the use of the first part of the new generic name.

Concluding this paper the synonymy and literature of the two remaining genera are given.

1. **Indotristicha** van Royen, novum genus\* — *Dalzellia* Wight, Icon. Pl. Ind. Or. 5, 1852, 34–35, p.p.; Warming, Fam. Pod. 6, 1901, 61; Engler, E.P. Nat. Pfl. Fam., ed. 2, 18a, 1930, 32–33, f. 16 A, 24 — *Terniola* Tulasne, Weddell, DC Prodr. 17, 1873, 46–47, p.p.; Bentham

\*) Herba rhizomate repente caulibus filiformibus elongatis ramosissimis. Folia alterna, angustissime linearia, in ramulis floriferis fasciculus subulata basi breviter connata. Flos terminalis. Tepala 3, fere ad usque medium connata. Stamina 3, filamentis filiformibus, antheris 2-loculatis. Ovarium superius, 3-carpellare, 3-loculare, 9-nervatum. Stigmata 3, linearia, libera. Capsula septicide trivalvis. Semina numerosa.

Typus *I. ramosissima* (Wight) van Royen (basion.: *Dalzellia ramosissima* Wight).

& Hooker, Gen. Pl. 3, 1880, 108, p.p.; Hooker, Fl. Br. Ind. 5, 1890, 63, p.p. — *Tulasnea* Wight, l.c., t. 1920, 1 — *Lawia* Tulasne, Warming, E.P. Nat. Pfl. Fam., ed. 1, 3, 2a, 1890, 18, p.p.

Type species. *I. ramosissima* (Wight) van Royen.

Distribution. India.

**I. ramosissima** (Wight) van Royen, comb. nov. — *Dalzellia ramosissima* Wight, l.c., 1852, 35; Warming, l.c., 1901, 61; Engler, l.c., 1930, 33, f. 16A, 24, as *D. ramosissima* (Wight) Warming — *Terniola ramosissima* (Wight) Weddell, l.c., 1873, 47; Hooker, l.c., 1890, 63 — *Tulasnea ramosissima* Wight, l.c., 1852, t. 1920, 1 — *Lawia ramosissima* (Wight) Warming, l.c., 1890, 18 — *Tristicha ramosissima* (Wight) Willis, Ann. Roy. Bot. Gard. Peradeniya 1, 3, 1902, 208–209 and 1, 4, 1902, 293–306, plates 5–9, 38.

Type specimen. *Johnson s.n.* in K.

Distribution. India.

2. **Terniola** Tulasne, Archives Mus. hist. nat. Paris 6, 1852, 189–194, t. 13; Weddell, DC Prodr. 17, 1873, 46–47, p.p.; Bentham & Hooker, Gen. Pl. 3, 1880, 108, p.p.; Hooker, Fl. Br. Ind. 5, 1890, 62–63 — *Lawia* Tulasne (non Wight = *Adenosachme*, *Rubiaceae*), Ann. Sc. nat., sér. 3, 11, 1849, 112; Warming, Fam. Pod. 4, 1891, 159–166, 177–178, f. 27–30; Trimen, Fl. Ceylon 3, 1895, 416; Warming, Fam. Pod. 6, 1901, 61; Willis, Ann. Roy. Bot. Gard. Peradeniya 1, 3, 1902, 209–216 and 1, 4, 1902, 307–325, plates 9–13; Engler, E.P. Nat. Pfl. Fam., ed. 2, 18a, 1930, 24, f. 26 — *Mnianthus* Walpers, Ann. Bot. Syst. 3, 1852, 443 — *Tristicha* Gardner, Calc. Journ. of Nat. Hist. 7, 1846, 177 — *Dalzellia* Wight, Ic. Pl. Ind. Or. 5, 1852, 34–35, p.p. — *Tulasnea* Wight, Ic. Pl. Ind. Or. 5, 1852, t. 1919, fgs 1, 3, 4.

Type species. *T. zeylanica* (Gardner) Tul.

Distribution. One species in Ceylon and India.

**T. zeylanica** (Gardner) Tulasne, l.c., 1852, 190–192, t. 13, f. 3; Weddell, l.c., 1873, 46; Hooker, l.c., 1890, 62; Trimen, Syst. Cat. Ceylon Pl., 1885, 73 — *Tristicha* (*c*) *zeylanica* Gardner, l.c., 1846, 177 — *Lawia zeylanica* (Gardner) Tulasne, l.c., 1849, 112; Warming, E.P. Nat. Pfl. Fam., ed. 1, 3, 2a, 1890, 18, p.p.; Warming, l.c., 1891, 177–178, f. 27–30; Trimen, Fl. Ceyl. 3, 1895, 416; Warming, l.c., 1901, 61; Willis, l.c., 1902, 213–216, 307–325, pl. 9–13; Engler, l.c., 1930, 34, f. 21 — *Dalzellia zeylanica* (Gardner) Wight, l.c., 1852, 36; Thwaites, Enum. Pl. Ceyl., 1860, 223 — *Tulasnea zeylanica* (Gardner) Wight, l.c., 1852, t. 1919, 1 — *Mnianthus zeylanicus* (Gardner) Walpers, l.c., 1852, 443 — *Terniola foliosa* (Wight) Weddell, l.c., 1873, 47; Goebel, Pfl. biol. Schild. 1, 1889, 166–170; Warming, l.c., 1901, 61; Engler, l.c., 1930, 34 — *Dalzellia foliosa* Wight, l.c., 1852, 35 — *Tulasnea foliosa* Wight, l.c., 1852, t. 1919, 2 — *Lawia foliosa* (Wight) Warming, l.c., 1891, 159–161, 176–177, f. 26 — *Terniola lawii* (Wight) Weddell, l.c., 1873, 47; Hooker, l.c., 1890, 63 — *Dalzellia lawii* Wight, l.c., 1852, 35 — *Tulasnea lawii* Wight, l.c., 1852, t. 1919, 47 — *Terniola*

*longipes* (Tul.) Tul., l.c., 1852, 193–194, t. 13, f. 2; Weddell, l.c., 1873; Hooker, l.c., 1890, 63 — *Lawia longipes* Tul., 1849, 112 — *Mnianthus longipes* (Tul.) Walpers, l.c., 1852, 443 — *Terniola pedunculosa* (Wight) Weddell, l.c., 1870, 47; Hooker, l.c., 1890, 63 — *Dalzellia pedunculosa* Wight, l.c., 1852, 35 — *Tulasnea pedunculosa* Wight, l.c., 1852, t. 1919, f. 4 — *Terniola pulchella* (Tul.) Tul., l.c., 1852, 192–193, t. 13, f. 4; Weddell, l.c., 1873, 46–47; Hooker, l.c., 1890, 62 — *Lawia pulchella* Tul., l.c., 1849, 112 — *Mnianthus pulchellus* (Tul.) Walpers, l.c., 1852, 443.

Type specimen. *Gardner s.n.* in K.

Distribution. India and Ceylon.

Remarks. Willis in 1902 described a number of different forms of this species of which it is doubtful whether they are not only forms of an extremely variable species without deserving the status of a taxonomic form. The nomenclature of these forms, however, will not involve any change of the names given above, and therefore their names are not included here. Future research must reveal their true status.

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