

## A NEW NAME FOR A TURKISH SPECIES OF PARONYCHIA

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The genus *Paronychia* is very well represented in Turkey. Most of the species are, however, endemics having a somewhat restricted range of distribution. One such endemic and rather rare species occurs in the vicinity of Gaziantep in south-eastern Turkey. It is a very distinct species, possessing very short and densely tufted stems with closely imbricated, small, linear-oblong, fleshy leaves which are slightly shorter than the stipules, rather small terminal glomerules, small flowers (c. 1.5 – 2 mm) having suboblong, obtuse or subotuse, erect, subequal and fleshy sepals. Hitherto it has been referred to as *P. imbricata* Boiss. et Hausskn., but this name is a later homonym, and hence inadmissible under article 64 of the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature, since it had already been used by H. C. L. Reichenbach, in 1832, for a different species of this genus. A new name is, therefore, proposed for this species.

***Paronychia boissieri* Chaudhri nom. nov.**

*P. imbricata* Boiss. et Hausskn. in Boiss., Fl. Or. 1: 744 (1867) non Reichenbach, Flora Germanica Excursoria, 564 (1832).

Type "Syria bor.": In fissuris rupium calcarearum ad Tullus prope Aintab, 23. vi. 1865, C. Haussknecht, s.n. (holotype JE).

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