

# A checklist of *Polygala* (Polygalaceae) in the Flora of Southern Africa region with notes on types

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## ABSTRACT

As part of a revision of *Polygala* in the *Flora of Southern Africa* region, the types of all the names relevant for the region were assessed. A catalogue of the names and their types is provided along with information on the availability of online images of these types. For 22 accepted taxa, no images of the types of the names are available online. Twenty lectotypes are designated here.

## INTRODUCTION

As a first step towards a revision of the genus *Polygala* Linnaeus (1753: 701) (Polygalaceae) in the *Flora of Southern Africa* region (Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, and Swaziland), the typification of names published in the genus for this region was compiled and analysed. As a result, 20 lectotypes are designated here. We provide a list of the names and their types, along with information on the images of the types that are available online. For 22 accepted taxa, no images of the types of the names could be located on the web.

## MATERIAL AND METHODS

With some corrections, the taxonomy of *Polygala* followed here coincides with Paiva (1998). The specimens cited are those seen by one of the authors (Paiva 1998) during the course of his revision of the genus. Specimens marked ‘!’ were examined in the scope of this paper. The following online resources were consulted: JSTOR Global Plants (2013), as well as the Zürich Herbaria Database

(2013), Geneva Herbaria Catalogue (2013), Kew Herbarium Catalogue (2013), The Linnean Collections (2013) and Uppsala Herbarium (UPS) Database (2013). The acronyms of herbaria follow Thiers (2013).

## RESULTS

The information on the types of 209 names was reviewed. Corrections were made to type citations in earlier literature where lectotypes were often confusingly referred to as holotypes. In Art. 9.9 of the *International Code of Nomenclature for algae, fungi and plants* (ICN) it is stated that the use of a term in a sense other than in which it is defined in the ICN is treated as an error to be corrected (McNeill *et al.* 2012). In some cases, it was found that previously designated lectotypes included more than one specimen. In such cases, a second-step lectotype is designated here to narrow down the lectotype to a single specimen, according to Art. 9.17 of the ICN (McNeill *et al.* 2012).

R. Chodat (1865–1934), based at the University of Geneva, was the most prolific author of southern African *Polygala* names, with 52 names published. His herbarium was destroyed by a fire in 1898 (Anonymous 1899) which may explain why many duplicates of the types of his names could not be located.

W.H. Harvey was based at TCD when he produced the account of *Polygala* for Flora Capensis (Harvey & Sonder 1860). He referred to material under collector and number without mention of the herbarium where it was held. He did however cite herbaria holding duplicates as TCD, K (“Hooker”), and HBG (“Sonder”). In addition to these herbaria, several others hold duplicates of these collections. Therefore automatically deducing that the holotypes of the names published by Harvey are at TCD is not the correct approach, as it is clear that Harvey examined several duplicates and did not select one as type. The existence of numerous syntypes and isosyntypes further complicates the typification of Harvey’s names (see Smith & Figueiredo 2013).

Twenty lectotypes are designated here and provided in the list below.

To facilitate future use of this work, the online availability of images of the types is recorded. Twenty-two accepted taxa do not have any image of the types of the names accessible in the consulted online catalogues.

## LIST OF NAMES AND TYPES

Names are listed alphabetically. Synonyms are in italics and accepted names in bold italics. For specimens accessible online, their reference (mostly a barcode) is given instead of the herbarium acronym. Given that the herbarium acronym does not match the acronym included in the barcode in all cases, sometimes both are cited.

*Polygala abbreviata* Markötter (1930: 28) [=*P. transvaalensis*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Free State/KwaZulu-Natal: Oliviershoek Pass, *Thode* 4624 (holotype NBG0199218-0!).

*Polygala affinis* Candolle (1824: 322)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Without locality, *Anonymous s.n.* (holotype G).

Note:—Paiva (1998: 268) indicated a specimen at G as type of *P. affinis*. In the protologue of *P. affinis* Candolle refers to a specimen at ‘h. Deless.’, now part of the G herbarium, where the type of this name must be located.

*Polygala africana* Chodat (1893: 168)

Type:—ANGOLA. *Welwitsch* 1009 [1109] (holotype B†, lectotype LISU [designated by Paiva 1998: 161], isolectotype BM)

*Polygala agnipila* Gandoger (1913: 455) [=*P. affinis*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Western Cape: Saron, *Schlechter* 4879 (holotype LY?, isotype PRE!).

*Polygala albida* Schinz (1888: 53)

Type:—NAMIBIA. Olukonda, *Schinz* 506 (lectotype K000231662 [designated by Paiva 1998: 190]).

Note:—Schinz did not cite the collection number in the protologue of *Polygala albida*, he only cited the collecting locality, but later Chodat (1893: 339) cited the specimen *Schinz* 506 when he described *P. livingstoniana* (a synonym of this species). Chodat was not aware that the name *P. albida* had already been published based on that same collection, as he did not mention that species name. Paiva (1998) stated that the holotype of *P. albida* is *Schinz* 506 (G) and that it no longer exists. However, Chodat referred to ‘Herb. Schinz’, which is deposited at Z, therefore citations of G could be incorrect. No collections of *Polygala* by Schinz could be found in either the Geneva Herbaria Catalogue (2013) or in the Zürich Herbaria Database (2013).

*Polygala amatymbica* Ecklon & Zeyher (1835: 24)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Eastern Cape: Tambukiland, Klipplaatrivier, *Ecklon & Zeyher* 182 (lectotype K [designated by Paiva 1998: 242], isolectotypes CGE, E, JE00003229!, M0104330!, OXF, S08-15988!, S08-15989!, SAM0048687-0!, TCD0001528!, W).

*Polygala amoena* Thunberg (1800: 120) [=*P. myrtifolia*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Thunberg*, s.n. (lectotype UPS Nr 16205! **designated here**, isolectotype UPS Nr 16204!).

*Polygala arcuata* Chodat (1912: 333) non Hayata (1908), *nom. illeg.* [=*P. rodrigueana*] (see Paiva 1998)

Type:—Same as *P. rodrigueana*.

*Polygala armata* Chodat (1912: 327) [=*P. leptophylla* var. *armata*]

Type:—Same as *P. leptophylla* var. *armata*.

*Polygala asbestina* Burchell (1822: 543)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Eastern Cape: Gariep, *Burchell* 2030 (holotype K000231659! isotypes K000231658!, PRE0255281-0).

*Polygala asperifolia* Chodat (1912: 323) [=*P. stenopetala*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Mpumalanga: Barberton, *Galpin* 844 p.p. (holotype Z).

Note:—The holotype of *P. asperifolia* has not been located at Z.

*Polygala attenuata* Loddiges (1824: t. 1000) non Nuttall (1818: 90) *nom. illeg.* [=*P. fruticosa*]

Type:—Illustration in Loddiges (1824: t. 1000) **lectotype designated here**.

*Polygala bicornis* Burchell ex Chodat (1896: 236) [=*P. schinziana*]

Type:—BOTSWANA? Bechuanaland, Chovi [Chobe] Desert, *Burchell* 2351 (holotype K000231793!).

Note:—The type of *P. bicornis* has been recorded as originating in South Africa, but considering the locality given, it could be a collection from Botswana.

*Polygala borboniifolia* Burchell ex Candolle (1824: 322, as ‘borboniaefolia’) [=*P. fruticosa*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Burchell* 6861 (lectotype G-DC G00210312! [designated by Paiva 1998: 281 as ‘holo-’], isolectotypes K000231643!, NY00444473!).

*Polygala bowkerae* Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 92)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Eastern Cape: Graaff-Reinet, *Bowker s.n.* (holotype K000231655!).

Note:—*Bowker s.n.* (TCD0001526!), a fragment, which possibly is a duplicate of the holotype.

*Polygala brachyphylla* Chodat (1893: 417)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Western Cape: Clanwilliam, Blaawberg, *Drège 7202* (lectotype K000231654! [designated by Paiva 1998: 268 as ‘holo-’], isolectotypes BM, PRE0261548-0!, S08-16336!).

*Polygala bracteolata* Linnaeus (1753: 702)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Coll. details unknown* (lectotype SBT L98, image! [designated by Figueiredo *et al.* 2013]).

*Polygala bracteolata* var. *racemosa* Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 84) [=P. *bracteolata*]

Syntypes:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Ecklon & Zeyher 158* (S08-16474!, S08-16471!, W), *159* (OXF, S08-16476!, S08-16477!, W), *160* (E, S08-16469!, S08-16466!, W).

Note:—Only these three collection numbers are cited in the protologue of this variety. The Herbaria cited by Harvey are Thunberg’s, TCD, K, Sonder and ‘others’.

*Polygala bracteolata* var. *umbellata* Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 84) [=P. *bracteolata*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Ecklon & Zeyher 156* (M, S08-16465!).

Note:—Only this collection is cited in the protologue of this variety. The Herbaria cited by Harvey are Thunberg’s, TCD, K, Sonder and ‘others’. A duplicate, S S08-16462, recorded in JSTOR as *Ecklon & Zeyher 156* appears to be a Drège collection.

*Polygala brevifolia* Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 90) non Nuttall (1818: 89) *nom. illeg.* [=P. *brachyphylla*]

Type:—Same as P. *brachyphylla*.

*Polygala burmannii* Candolle (1824: 322) [=P. *affinis*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Burchell 6437* (lectotype K000231663! [designated by Paiva 1998: 268 as ‘holo-’], G-DC, PRE0259681-0!).

*Polygala calycina* Presl (1845: 445) [=*P. bracteolata*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Drège s.n.* (holotype not determined)

Note:—There are many collections *Drège s.n.* and it could not be determined which of them were examined by Presl. Paiva (1998) cited collections from Paarlberg (BM, K) and from Caledon (E, W). Presl types are mostly at PR (Prague).

*Polygala capillaris* Meyer ex Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 93)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Eastern Cape: between the Omsamculo [Umzimkulu] and Omcomas [Umkomaas], *Drège s.n.* (lectotype K000231653! [designated by Paiva 1998: 158 as ‘holo-’]).

Notes:—Several specimens of *P. capillaris* labelled ‘Drège s.n.’ are often listed as types (e.g., BM, CGE, E, LD, NY00444474, P, PRE0264215-0, REG000530, TCD0001529, TUB001884, W), but as a result of lacking collecting numbers they cannot be considered as duplicates of the holotype. However, TCD is the first Herbarium cited in the protologue and it was the Herbarium where Harvey was based. That specimen is therefore likely to be part of the original material. A specimen *Drège s.n.* at PRE (PRE0264215-0) has a handwritten indication of type and was received from K. The specimen *Drège s.n.* at K (K000231653) has a handwritten note stating that a duplicate was removed and sent to PRE.

On the same sheet, PRE0264215-0, there is another specimen, from the Magaliesberg, South Africa, which appears to be a *Burke & Zeyher* collection that Harvey cited in the protologue of this species. That collection was later considered to be of another species, *Polygala africana*, and was excluded from *P. capillaris* by Exell (1960).

*Polygala capillaris* var. *angolensis* Oliver (1868: 131) [=*P. spicata*]

Type:—ANGOLA. *Welwitsch* 1027 (holotype LISU, isotypes BM, COI).

*Polygala carmichaelii* Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 19) [=*P. lehmanniana*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Western Cape: Cape of Good Hope, *Carmichael s.n.* (lectotype K000231825! [designated by Paiva 1998: 267 as ‘holo-’]).

Note:—Under *Polygala carmichaelii*, Harvey & Sonder (1860) cited the collection *Carmichael s.n.*, with duplicates in three herbaria (‘TCD, Hook., Sond.’).

*Polygala cernua* Thunberg (1800: 120) [=*P. virgata*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Thunberg s.n.* (holotype UPS Nr 16209!).

*Polygala chloroptera* Chodat (1893: 375) [=*P. serpentaria*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. KwaZulu-Natal: Natal, *Rehmann s.n.* (holotype Z).

Note:—Searches for the holotype at Z were fruitless.

*Polygala ciliatifolia* Turczaninow (1854: 347) [=*P. umbellata*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Ecklon & Zeyher 106* (holotype KW001000268! isotypes M, W).

Note:—Although Paiva designated the M specimen as lectotype (Paiva 1998: 271), it is considered that all types of Turczaninow are at Kiew (KW), Ukraine.

*Polygala ciliatifolia* var. *mundtiana* Chodat (1893: 428) [=*P. umbellata*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Ecklon & Zeyher 167* (lectotype M M0153118! designated here, W).

*Polygala cluytioides* Burchell ex Candolle (1824: 322) [=*P. myrtifolia*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Somerset, *Burchell 3326* (lectotype G-DC G00210311! [designated by Paiva 1998: 279 as ‘holo-’], K000231813).

*Polygala confusa* MacOwan (1890: 385) non Hasskarl (1864: 165) *nom. illeg.* [=*P. macowaniana*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Eastern Cape: Griqualand East, Malowe Mts, *Tyson 2082* (lectotype K000231818! [designated by Paiva 1998: 185 as ‘holo-’], E, PRE!, SAM0029323-2!, SAM0029323-1!). Syntypes: *Herb. Norm. Austro-Afr. 890* (BM, BOL136751!, E, K000231819!, W); *MacOwan 1266, 1325; Baur 17* (K, SAM0029321-0!); *Cooper 165* (BM, K, W), 301 (BM, E, PRE!, W), 1914, 1926 (K); Natal [now KwaZulu-Natal], *Gerrard 1202* (BM, K, W); *Wood 1805* (not located).

*Polygala confusa* var. *acutifolia* Chodat (1893: 396), *nom. illeg.* [=*P. macowaniana*]

Syntypes:—SOUTH AFRICA. KwaZulu-Natal: *Baur 17* (K, SAM0029321!-0),, *Gerrard 1202* (BM, K, W).

*Polygala confusa* var. *canescens* Chodat (1893: 397), *nom. illeg.* [=*P. macowaniana*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *MacOwan 666b* (BM).

*Polygala confusa* forma *villosiuscula* Hayek (1900: 42) *nom. illeg.* [=*P. macowaniana*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Eastern Cape: Komga, *Krook 1476* (holotype W18970008931!).

*Polygala cordifolia* Thunberg (1800: 120) [=*P. fruticosa*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA, s.c. s.n. (lectotype UPS Nr 16213 designated here, isolectotype UPS Nr 16214).

*Polygala dasypylla* Levyns (1955: 39)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Western Cape: Bredasdorp, Levyns 9763 (holotype BOL136746!-, isotype BOL136747!).

*Polygala declinata* (Harv.) Meyer ex Paiva (1998: 210). Basionym: *Polygala hispida* var. *declinata* Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 91)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Cape, between Omsamcaba und Omtendo, Drège s.n. (lectotype BM [designated by Paiva 1998: 210]).

Note:—Several unnumbered specimens collected by Drège are possible duplicates of the lectotype (E, TCD, K, HBG, S S08-16451, W).

*Polygala decora* Sonder (1850: 14) [=*P. virgata* var. *decora*]

Type:—Same as *P. virgata* var. *decora*.

*Polygala dietrichiana* D.Dietrich (1847: 905)

Type:—Unknown.

Note:—A replacement name for *P. venulosa* A. Dietrich (1834) non Sibthorp & Smith (1813), a nom. illeg. The name was based on a cultivated plant (see Paiva 1998). If the type exists, it could be at HBG where A. Dietrich's types are held.

*Polygala diffusa* A.Dietrich (1834: 114) [=*P. fruticosa*]

Type:—Unknown.

Note:—Name based on a cultivated plant (see Paiva 1998).

*Polygala dodii* Schlechter (1898: 24) [=*P. garcinii*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Wolley Dod 813 (holotype K).

Paiva (1998) indicated that the holotype is at K. Schlechter's herbarium was mostly destroyed in Berlin. It is not known if it included a duplicate of Wolley Dod 813.

*Polygala dregeana* Presl (1845: 444) [=*P. fruticosa*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Drège s.n.* (holotype not located)

Note:—There are many *Drège s.n.* collections and it could not be determined which of them were examined by Presl. Presl types are mostly at PR (Prague).

*Polygala durbanensis* Chodat (1893: 401) [?=?*P. hottentotta*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. KwaZulu-Natal: Natal, *Rehmann* 8766 (holotype Z?).

Note:—*Rehmann* 8766 is not listed in the Zürich Herbaria Database (2013).

*Polygala eckloniana* Presl (1845: 445) non Lehmann (1830: 8), *nom. illeg.* [=*P. teretifolia*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Ecklon & Zeyher* 154 (BREM, K, LD, M0153112!, OXF, PR?, PRE!, S08-16662!, S08-16663!, W).

*Polygala eckloniana* Lehmann (1830: 8) [=*P. ericaefolia*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Ecklon s.n.* (holotype HBG).

*Polygala ephedroides* Burchell (1822: 465)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Eastern Cape: Griqualand, Lower Campbell, *Burchell* 1793 (holotype K000231651!-, isotypes K000231649!, M0152982!).

*Polygala ericaefolia* Candolle (1824: 323)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Western Cape: Goukamma Station, Mossel Bay, *Burchell* 5614 (lectotype G-DC G00210254! [designated by Paiva 1998: 270 as ‘holo-’], isolectotypes BOL136743!, K000231645!, K000231647!, M, PRE0255282-0!, W).

*Polygala ericaefolia* var. *eckloniana* (Lehm.) Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 87) [=*P.*

*ericaefolia*]. Basionym: *Polygala eckloniana* Lehmann (1830: 8)

Type:—Same as *P. eckloniana* Lehm.

*Polygala erioptera* De Candolle (1824: 326)

Type:—SENEGAL. *Bacle s.n.* (lectotype G-DC G00135151! [designated by Paiva 1998: 172]).

*Polygala erubescens* Meyer ex Chodat (1893: 398)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Drège s.n.* (holotype P).

Note:—Several unnumbered specimens of *Polygala erubescens* collected by Drège (kept at BM, CGE00089!, E, HBG508684!, K000231842!, REG000529!, S08-16431!, S08-16432! & W) are possible duplicates of the holotype.

*Polygala esterae* Chodat (1912: 331) [=*P. gazensis*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Bachmann* 749 (lectotype B [designated by Paiva 1998: 275]).

Note:—In the protologue of *Polygala esterae* Chodat cites the collection *Bachmann* 745 as type. Paiva (1998: 275) designated the specimen with the number 749 at B as lectotype. However, elsewhere in the same reference Paiva (1998: 330) notes that the correct number is 739. These specimens could not be examined online.

*Polygala fallax* Hayek (1900: 43) non Chodat (1889: 104), *nom. illeg.* [=*P. houtboschiana*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Krook* (*Plantae austro-africanae*, Penther) 1477 (holotype W W18970008936!).

*Polygala fruticosa* Bergius (1767: 183)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Grubb* s.n. (holotype SBT10181!).

*Polygala garcinii* Candolle (1824: 323)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Western Cape: between Cape Town and Table Mountain, *Burchell* 20 ('2870') (lectotype G-DC G00210286 [designated by Paiva 1998: 270], isolectotype K).

*Polygala gazensis* Baker in Rendle et al. (1911: 24)

Type:—ZIMBABWE. *Swynnerton* 632 (holotype BM000564822!-, K000231675!).

*Polygala genistoides* Poiret in Lamarck (1804: 492) [=*P. virgata*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *S.c.* s.n. (holotype P-LA).

*Polygala genistoides* var. *spartioides* Burchell ex Candolle (1824: 323) [=*P. virgata*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Burchell* 4499 (lectotype K K000231772! designated here, isolectotype G-DC G00210260)

Note:—The collection number is wrongly cited in the protologue as 4449.

*Polygala genistopsis* Chodat (1893: 405) [=*P. virgata*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Krebs s.n.* (holotype B†).

*Polygala gerrardii* Chodat (1896: 237)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. KwaZulu-Natal: Zululand, *Gerrard 1201* [1281] (lectotype K000231634! [designated by Paiva 1998: 241], BM000564940!, NH0005713-0!, W). Syntypes: Natal, Inanda, *Wood 1394* (BM, K000231635!), 3481 (K000231636!).

*Polygala gracilenta* Burtt Davy (1926: 48, 134).

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Eastern Cape: Winterberg, *Ecklon & Zeyher 163* (lectotype K000231631! [designated by Paiva 1998: 217], isolectotypes HBG508699!, M, PRE0255285-0!, S08-16604!, S08-16606!, W).

*Polygala gracilipes* Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 90) pro parte (see Paiva 1998: 269)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Drège 7191* (lectotype K [designated by Paiva 1998: 269 as ‘holo-’], isolectotypes BM000564935!, COI, E, MO-251880!, P, PRE0023528-0!, S08-16445!, W).

Syntypes: SOUTH AFRICA, *Drège 7192* (TCD0001525!, MO-251879!, S08-16446!).

*Polygala gracilipes* var. *angustifolia* Chodat (1893: 410) [=*P. bowkeriae*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Drège 7192* (holotype K -, isotypes COI, P, W).

*Polygala gracilipes* var. *macrostachya* Chodat (1893: 410) [=*P. bowkeriae*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *MacOwan 997* (holotype K-, isotypes COI, E).

*Polygala grandiflora* Loddiges (1827: t.1227) non Walter (1788: 179) *nom. illeg.* [=*P. myrtifolia*]

Type:—Illustration in Loddiges (1827: t.1227), **lectotype designated here**.

Note:—Paiva (1998) suggested a potential neotype, but that is not an option as original material (an illustration) exists.

*Polygala guerichiana* Engler (1894: 141) ‘gürichiana’

Type:—NAMIBIA. *Gürich 64* (holotype B†).

***Polygala gymnoclada*** MacOwan (1890: 385)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Eastern Cape: Griqualand East, Kokstad Dist., *Tyson 1120* (lectotype K000231848! [designated by Paiva 1998: 256], isolectotypes BOL136750!, SAM0000975-0!, SAM0005574-2!, SAM0005574-1!). Syntypes: *Baur 63* (K000231846!), 243 (K000231845!), *Cooper 927* (K000231847!, CGE00090!), *Herb. Norm. Austr.Afr.* 884 (K000231848!, SAM0029325A-0!).

***Polygala hamata*** Burtt Davy (1926: 132) [=***P. uncinata***]

Type:—Same as ***P. uncinata***.

Note:—See under ***P. uncinata***.

***Polygala harveyana*** Chodat (1893: 412) [=***P. refracta***]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Burchell 6058 pp* (holotype K000231797!).

Note:—*Burchell 6058* is a mixed collection (Levyns 1955). On the K sheet there are also specimens of *P. garcinii* (K000231796).

***Polygala hispida*** Burchell ex Candolle (1824: 323)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Eastern Cape: Port Elizabeth, *Burchell 4473* (lectotype K000231844! [designated by Paiva 1998: 210 as ‘holo-’], isolectotypes G-DC G00210448!, P00375264!, PRE!).

***Polygala hispida*** var. *declinata* Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 91) [=***P. declinata***]

Type:—Same as ***P. declinata***.

Note:—See under ***P. declinata***.

***Polygala hispidula*** Presl (1845: 445) [=***P. peduncularis***]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Drège 7188* (lectotype? BM000564937!, isolectotype? PRE0256350-0!).

Note:—The specimen BM000564937 is listed as lectotype in JSTOR Global Plants (2013).

However, we could not locate where in the literature it was accordingly designated. It is not known if a holotype exists at PR.

***Polygala hottentotta*** Presl (1845: 445)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Drège 7194* (lectotype W [designated by Paiva 1998: 259], isolectotype K000231838!).

Note:—We could not determine if there is a holotype at PR, which would take precedence over the lectotype.

***Polygala houtboshiana* Chodat (1893: 400)**

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Limpopo: Transvaal, Houtbosh, *Rehmann* 6347 (holotype P, isotype K000231837!).

Note:—Paiva (1998) cites the holotype as being at P.

***Polygala humilis* Loddiges (1820: tab. 420)**

Type:—Illustration in Loddiges (1820: tab. 420), **lectotype designated here**.

***Polygala imbricata* Hayek (1900: 45) [=*P. fruticosa*]**

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Penthal* 1519 (M0153000!, W).

Note:—The holotype is probably the specimen at W, where Hayek was based.

***Polygala illepida* Meyer ex Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 92)**

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Eastern Cape: Uitenhage, *Ecklon & Zeyher* 178 (lectotype K000231833! [designated by Paiva 1998: 245], isolectotypes LD, S08-16489!, S08-16487!, SAM0014193-0!, TCD, W). Syntype: *Drège s.n.* (not located).

Note:—Several specimens are possible duplicates of the syntype *Drège s.n.*: HBG508682!, K000231835!, K000231836!, TUB001900!, S08-16483! & S08-16485!.

***Polygala intermedia* Candolle (1824: 322) [=*P. peduncularis*]**

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *S.c.* 14 (holotype G-DC).

***Polygala kalaxariensis* Schinz (1888: 52)**

Type:—NAMIBIA. Lewisfonteyn, Kalaxari, *Schinz* 505 (holotype Z†, lectotype K000231832! [designated by Paiva 1998: 231], isolectotype GRA0001789-1!).

Note:—The holotype of *P. kalaxariensis* has not been located at Z where it was searched for. It was considered destroyed by Paiva (1998), who designated the specimen at K as lectotype.

*Polygala krumanina* Burchell ex Ficalho & Hiern (1881: 16)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Northern Cape: Kruman [Kuruman], *Burchell* 2425 (lectotype K000231829! [designated by Paiva 1998: 242]). Syntypes: South Africa, *Burchell* 2474 (K000231831!) & 2599 (K000231830!); ?Angola, *Serpa Pinto* 29 (LISU).

*Polygala lanata* Meyer ex Meisner (1842: 469) [=*P. hispida*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Cape, *Drège s.n.* (lectotype K K000231841! designated here).

Note:—Several unnumbered specimens of *Polygala hispida* collected by Drège (kept at BM, BREM, CGE, E, HBG508685!, REG000526!, TUB001899!, W) are possible duplicates of the lectotype.

*Polygala langebergensis* Levyns (1955: 39)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Western Cape, Riversdale, Garcia's Pass, *Levyns* 8988 (holotype BOL136745!, isotype BOL136744!, PRE0810044-0!).

*Polygala lasiopoda* Presl (1845: 445)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Drège s.n.* (holotype not located)

Note:—The type could not be identified among the several unnumbered collections of Drège. Presl types are mostly at PR (Prague).

*Polygala lasiosepala* Levyns (1955: 21)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Western Cape: Clanwilliam, Nardouw Mt, *Stokoe* 8450 (holotype BOL).

*Polygala latifolia* Ker Gawler (1822: pl. 645) [=*P. fruticosa*]

Type:—Illustration in Ker Gawler (1822: tab. 645), holotype.

*Polygala laxa* Thunberg (1800: 121) [?=?*P. ludwigiana*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Thunberg s.n.* (holotype UPS Nr 16222, isotype LD1238064!).

Note:—An isotype of *P. laxa* at LD is a specimen of *P. ludwigiana*, as confirmed on labels added by both Levyns and Paiva. If the holotype at UPS proves to be the same as the isotype, then the name *P. laxa* has priority over *P. ludwigiana*. The holotype is not available for examination online, nor on loan. It is available only on microfiche (Nr 16222), but the quality of this medium is insufficient for the specimen to be assessed.

*Polygala leendertziae* Burtt Davy (1926: 48, 133, 135)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Gauteng: Witwatersrand, *Leendertz* 1732 (holotype K000231828!, isotype PRE0712072-0!).

*Polygala lehmanniana* Ecklon & Zeyher (1835: 23)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Western Cape: Worcester, Tulbagh Kloof, *Ecklon & Zeyher* 177 (lectotype K000231827! [designated by Paiva 1998: 267 as ‘holo-’], isolectotypes M0104324!, MO-251878!, OXF, S08-16502!, SAM0029300-0!).

*Polygala lehmanniana* var. *pteropus* Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 20) [=*P. lehmanniana*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Western Cape: Cape of Good Hope, *Carmichael in Herb. Brown s.n.* (lectotype K K000231826! [designated by Paiva 1998: 267 as ‘holo-’]).

Note:—Under *Polygala lehmanniana* var. *pteropus* Harvey & Sonder (1860) cite a collection *Carmichael s.n.*, with duplicates in three herbaria (‘TCD, Hook., Sond.’). Paiva (1998) considered that to be a possible mistake and referred to the type as the collection *Brown s.n.* (K), however the collection shows a label indicating ‘Herb. Brown’ and a determination label as var. *pteropus*, which indicates that there was no mistake in the protologue, the type having been collected by Carmichael and deposited in Brown’s herbarium. *Carmichael s.n.* at TCD (TCD0002084) and S (S08-16504) are possible duplicates.

*Polygala leptophylla* Burchell (1822: 400)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Eastern Cape: Griqualand: Vaal, Blaauwbosh Drift, *Burchell* 1740 (holotype K000231822!, isotype PRE0255283-0!).

*Polygala leptophylla* var. *armata* (Chodat) Paiva (1998: 260). Basionym: *Polygala armata* Chodat (1912: 327).

Type:—NAMIBIA. *Dinter* 2076 (lectotype SAM SAM0074087-0! designated here). Syntypes: NAMIBIA, *Schäfer* 69 & 394. (not located)

Note:—Paiva designated *Dinter* 4953 (K000231823!, PRE0566780-0!) as neotype. However, at least a duplicate of a syntype (an isosyntype) exists which supersedes it. It is selected here as lectotype.

*Polygala leucocarpa* Chodat (1893: 400) [=*P. pallida*]

Type:—NAMIBIA. *Schinz* 507 (holotype Z).

Note:—The holotype has not been located at Z.

***Polygala levynsiana*** Paiva (1998: 272)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Western Cape: Ladismith, Waterkloof, *Levyns 9063* (holotype BOL).

***Polygala ligularis*** Ker Gawler (1822: t. 637) [=***P. myrtifolia***]

TYPE:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Masson s.n.* (holotype BM).

***Polygala livingstoniana*** Chodat (1893: 339) [=***P. albida***]

Syntypes:—ANGOLA. Massumba *Pogge 27* (B†); NAMIBIA, Amboland, *Schinz 506* (G†); SOUTH AFRICA, Transvaal, Hoggefled, *Rehmann 6731* (G†).

Note:—See note under ***P. albida***.

***Polygala longifolia*** Presl (1845: 445) non Poiret in Lamarck & Poiret (1804: 501), *nom. illeg.* [=***P. virgata***]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Drège 7211* (BM, CGE, E, HBG508728!, K, PR?, NY00444481!, OXF).

***Polygala ludwigiana*** Ecklon & Zeyher (1835: 23)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Western Cape: Clanwilliam. Brakfontein, *Ecklon & Zeyher 175* (lectotype K [designated by Paiva 1998: 267 as ‘holo-’], isolectotypes S08-16509!, SAM0029301-0!).

***Polygala lysimachiifolia*** Chodat (1893: 377)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. KwaZulu-Natal: Natal, Inanda, *Wood 1496* (BM, G, NH).

Note:—In the protologue Chodat cites ‘Ex Hb. Nat. Bot. Garden’ which means ‘from the Herbarium of Natal Botanic Garden’, where Medley Wood was based. The holotype could be a specimen at G, as Chodat was based at Geneve. We were unable to locate it in that herbarium. It was possibly destroyed during the 1898 fire that consumed Chodat’s herbarium (Anon. 1899).

***Polygala macowaniana*** Paiva (1998: 185)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Eastern Cape: Griqualand East, Malowe Mt., *Tyson 2082* (holotype K000231818!, isotypes E, PRE!, SAM0029323-2!, SAM0029323-1!).

*Polygala macra* Candolle (1824: 323) [=*P. umbellata*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Burchell s.n.* (holotype G-CD).

*Polygala macrantha* Turczaniow (1855: 345) [=*P. fruticosa*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Drège s.n.* (lectotype KW KW001000993! designated here).

Note:—The specimen KW001000993 is listed as lectotype in JSTOR Global Plants (2013).

However, we were unable to locate where in the literature this designation was done. Possible duplicates of the lectotype are at FR, KW001000945! and W).

*Polygala macrophylla* D.Dietrich (1847: 905)

Type:—Not designated.

Note:—It was published as a replacement name for *P. longifolia* A. Dietrich non Poiret in Lamarck & Poiret (1804: 501), a *nom. illeg.* If the type exists, it could be at HBG where A. Dietrich's types are held.

*Polygala marensis* Burtt Davy (1926: 48)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Limpopo: Transvaal, Zoutpansberg, Mara, *Rogers 22616* (holotype K000231817!, isotype BM000564946!).

*Polygala meridionalis* Levyns (1955: 37)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Western Cape: Bredasdorp Div., near Elim, *Schlechter 9649* (holotype B†, lectotype BOL [designated by Levyns 1955: 37], isolectotypes BM000564942!, BR0000006273774!, COI00005895!, E00193038!, HBG508664!, K000231816!, S-G-4989!, WAG0002699!, W, Z-000019420!).

*Polygala meyeriana* Presl (1845: 444) [=*P. fruticosa*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Drege s.n.* (holotype not located).

Note:—Presl types are mostly at PR (Prague).

*Polygala microlopha* Burchell ex Candolle (1824: 322)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Eastern Cape: Albany Div., East of Zwartwater Poort, *Burchell 3416* (holotype K000231815!).

*Polygala microlopha* var. *gracilis* Levyns (1955: 27) [=*P. levynsiana*]

Type:—Same as *P. levynsiana*.

*Polygala microphylla* Thunberg (1800: 121) non Linnaeus (1763: 989) *nom. illeg.* [=*P. thunbergii*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Thunberg s.n.* (holotype UPS Nr 16229!).

*Polygala mossii* Exell (1928: 299)

Type:—NAMIBIA. *Moss 11568* (holotype BM000564943!, isotype G00008727!).

*Polygala myrtifolia* Linnaeus (1753: 703)

Type:—*Coll. details unknown* (lectotype S-LINN, IDC [microfiche] no. 292. image!) [designated by Figueiredo *et al.* 2013].

*Polygala myrtifolia* var. *amoena* (Thunb.) Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 83) [=*P. myrtifolia*].

Basionym: *Polygala amoena* Thunberg (1800: 120)

Type:—Same as *P. amoena*.

*Polygala myrtifolia* var. *cluytiooides* (Burch. ex DC.) Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 83)

[=*P. myrtifolia*]. Basionym: *Polygala cluytiooides* Burchell ex Candolle (1824: 322)

Type:—Same as *P. cluytiooides*

*Polygala myrtifolia* var. *coriacea* Chodat (1893: 422) non Lehmann (1830) *nom. illeg.* [=*P.*

*myrtifolia*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Krebs s.n.* (holotype B†).

*Polygala myrtifolia* var. *grandiflora* (Lodd.) Chodat (1893: 422) [=*P. myrtifolia*]. Basionym:

*Polygala grandiflora* Loddiges (1827: t.1227)

Type:—Same as *P. grandiflora*.

*Polygala myrtifolia* var. *lancifolia* Chodat (1893: 423) [=*P. myrtifolia*]

Syntypes:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Drege 7186* (BM, E, HBG508729!, K, W), *Ecklon & Zeyher 143* (M, W).

*Polygala myrtifolia* var. *ligularis* (Ker Gawl.) Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 83) [=*P. myrtifolia*]. Basionym: *Polygala ligularis* Ker Gawler (1822: t. 637)  
Type:—Same as *P. ligularis*.

*Polygala myrtifolia* var. *natalensis* Sonder (1850: 14) [=*P. myrtifolia*]  
Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Gueinzius* 288 (holotype S-G-4988!).

*Polygala myrtifolia* var. *pinifolia* (Lam. ex Poir.) Paiva (1998: 280). Basionym: *Polygala pinifolia* Lamarck ex Poiret in Lamarck & Poiret (1804: 492).  
Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *S.c. s.n.* (holotype P-LA).

*Polygala myrtifolia* var. *obtusifolia* Chodat (1893: 423) [=*P. myrtifolia*]  
Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Boivin* *s.n.* (lectotype E [designated by Paiva 1998: 279], isolectotype W).

*Polygala myrtifolia* var. *salicifolia* (Chodat) Durand & Schinz (1898: 239) [=*P. myrtifolia*]  
Basionym: *Polygala myrtifolia* forma *salicifolia* Chodat (1893: 422)  
Type:—Same as *P. myrtifolia* forma *salicifolia*.

*Polygala myrtifolia* var. *vera* Candolle (1824: 322) [=*P. myrtifolia*]  
Type:—Illustration in Ker Gawler (1822: Pl. 669), **lectotype designated here**.

*Polygala myrtifolia* forma *salicifolia* Chodat (1893: 422) [=*P. myrtifolia*]  
Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Burchell* 3535 (lectotype K [designated by Paiva 1998: 279 as ‘holo-’], M).

*Polygala natalensis* Chodat (1896: 237) [=*P. serpentaria*]  
Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. KwaZulu-Natal: Natal, 1881, *Saunders* *s.n.* (holotype K000231789!).

*Polygala nematocaulis* Levyns (1955: 49)  
Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Western Cape: Caledon, Steenbras Siding, *Levyns* 8767 (holotype BOL136749!).

***Polygala nodiflora*** Chodat (1912: 325)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Mpumalanga: Lydenburg, *Wilms* 42 (**lectotype BM designated here**).

***Polygala nummularia*** Burchell ex Candolle (1824: 322) [=***P. fruticosa***]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Burchell* 3709 (lectotype K000231640! [designated by Paiva 1998: 281], isolectotype G-DC G00210282!, M)

***Polygala ohlendorfiana*** Ecklon & Zeyher (1835: 22)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Eastern Cape: Orange Mts, Winterberg, *Ecklon & Zeyher s.n.* (lectotype M0104318![designated by Paiva 1998: 209]).

Note:—Ecklon & Zeyher (1835) did not cite a collecting number in the protologue of *Polygala ohlendorfiana*. The number 170 that appears on some specimens is the number of the species in the publication where it was described. Several duplicates exist, but because they are either unnumbered or numbered ‘170’, they cannot be considered isolectotypes. These specimens are deposited at BREM, CGE, E, GOET009614!, HBG508666!, HBG508665!, JE00003235!, K000231811!, LD, MO-251877!, OXF, REG000943!, S08-16535!, S08-16532!, SAM0038406-0! and W.

***Polygala ophiura*** Chodat (1893: 376)

Syntypes:—SOUTH AFRICA. KwaZulu-Natal: Camperdown, *Rehmann* 7749 & Oakfort, Umhloti, 8524 (not located), Inanda, *Wood s.n.*(not located)

Note:—None of the syntypes could be located. Paiva (1998) suggested that they might have been destroyed at B.

***Polygala oppositifolia*** Linnaeus (1771: 259) *nom. illeg.* [=***P. fruticosa***]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Tulbagh* 138 (lectotype LINN LINN 882.15 [designated by Paiva 1998: 280 as ‘holo’']).

Note:—Jarvis (2007) considered that the type was not designated. However, Paiva (1998) designated the specimen at LINN which was determined by Linnaeus. The name is a *nom.illeg.* as it is a replacement name for the earlier *P. fruticosa* P.J.Bergius.

***Polygala oppositifolia*** var. *borboniifolia* (Burch. ex DC.) Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 82)

[=***P. fruticosa***]. Basionym: *Polygala borboniifolia* Burchell ex Candolle (1824: 322, as‘borboniaeefolia’)

Type:—Same as *P. borboniifolia*.

Note:—*P. oppositifolia* is a *nom. illeg.*

*Polygala oppositifolia* var. *cordata* Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 82) [=***P. fruticosa***]

Syntypes:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Ecklon & Zeyher* 133a (M), 133b (K, W), 134 (HBG508658!, K, M, P, W), 135 (M0153002!, OXF, S08-16555!, S08-16553!, W).

Note:—*P. oppositifolia* is a *nom. illeg.*

*Polygala oppositifolia* var. *cuspidata* Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 82) [=***P. fruticosa***]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Ecklon & Zeyher* 132 (M, W).

Note:—*P. oppositifolia* is a *nom. illeg.*

*Polygala oppositifolia* var. *lanceolata* Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 82) [=***P. fruticosa***]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Drège s.n.* (not determined)

Note:—Possible duplicates of this collection are: BM, E, HBG508690!, K, S08-16545! and W. *P. oppositifolia* is a *nom. illeg.*

*Polygala oppositifolia* var. *latifolia* Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 82) [=***P. fruticosa***]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Ecklon & Zeyher* 136 (M).

Note:—*P. oppositifolia* is a *nom. illeg.*

*Polygala oppositifolia* var. *nummularia* (Burch. ex DC.) Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 82)

[=***P. fruticosa***]. Basionym: *Polygala nummularia* Burchell ex Candolle (1824: 322)

Type:—Same as *P. nummularia*.

Note:—*P. oppositifolia* is a *nom. illeg.*

*Polygala oppositifolia* var. *rhombifolia* (Eckl. & Zey.) Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 82) [=***P. fruticosa***]. Basionym: *Polygala rhombifolia* Ecklon & Zeyher (1835: 18).

Type:—Same as *P. rhombifolia*.

Note:—*P. oppositifolia* is a *nom. illeg.*

*Polygala oppositifolia* var. *trigonoides* Ecklon & Zeyher ex Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 82)

[=***P. fruticosa***]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Drège s.n.* (**lectotype** HBG HBG508697! **designated here**).

Note:—The specimen designated here is part of the original material. Possible duplicates of this collection are: NY00444476, REG000945 and TUB001910. *P. oppositifolia* is a *nom. illeg.*

***Polygala orthostigma* Chodat (1914: 85) [=*P. garcinii*]**

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Schlechter* 11048 (lectotype K [designated by Paiva 1998: 271], isolectotypes BM, E, PRE!, W).

***Polygala ovalis* Meyer ex Drège (1843: 212) [=*P. ohlendorfiana*]**

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Eastern Cape: Katberg, *Drège s.n.* (BM).

***Polygala pallida* Meyer ex Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 93)**

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Drège s.n.* (holotype K000231806!, K000231807!, these are two small specimens on the same sheet).

Note:—*Drège s.n.* (S08-16561!), a fragment, is a possible duplicate of the type. Possible duplicates were also recorded at OXF and W by Paiva (1998).

***Polygala pappeana* Ecklon & Zeyher (1835: 23)**

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Western Cape: Tulbagh Valley, *Ecklon & Zeyher* 176 (lectotype K000231804! [designated by Paiva 1998: 266 as ‘holo-’], isolectotypes E00193039!, GOET009615!, M0104316!, MO-357174!, W)

***Polygala parkeri* Levyns (1955: 46)**

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Western Cape: Stellenbosch, Somerset West, *Parker* 4282 (holotype BOL136748!, isotypes K, NBG0004193-0!).

***Polygala parva* Chodat (1912: 330) [=*P. seminuda*]**

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Cooper* 1292 (holotype Z).

Note:—*Cooper* 1292 is cited in the protologue of *P. parva* as type but it may be an error for *Cooper* 1392. Although neither of these collections is available at JSTOR Global Plants (2013) and could not be located at Z, Paiva (1998: 328) examined duplicates of *Cooper* 1392 at BM, K and W.

***Polygala peduncularis* Burchell ex Candolle (1824: 323)**

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Western Cape: Knysna, Cloete's kraal, *Burchell* 5163 (lectotype K000231803! [designated by Paiva 1998: 274 as ‘holo-’], PRE PRE0256347-0).

*Polygala pilifera* Hoffmannsegg (1841: 82) [=*P. bracteolata*]

Type:—Unknown.

Note:—Name based on a cultivated plant (Paiva 1998). If type specimens exist, they could be located at B.

*Polygala pinifolia* Lamarck ex Poiret in Lamarck & Poiret (1804: 492) [=*P. myrtifolia* var. *pinifolia*]

Type:—Same as *P. myrtifolia* var. *pinifolia*.

*Polygala pottebergensis* Levyns (1955: 30)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Western Cape: Swellendam, Hamerkop, *Levyns* 8396 (holotype BOL).

*Polygala praticola* Chodat (1912: 332)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. KwaZulu-Natal: Natal, *Rudatis* 705 (holotype G, isotypes BM, COI, E, PRE0263068-0!, WAG0002705!)

Note:—The type is cited in the protologue as *Rudatis* 703, but it is *Rudatis* 705. The holotype at G is not in JSTOR Global Plants (2013), but is extant in the herbarium.

*Polygala producta* Brown (1895: 142) emend. Burtt Davy (1924: 225)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Mpumalanga: Barberton, *Galpin* 844 p.p. (lectotype K000231801! [designated by Burtt Davy 1924: 225]).

Note:—Several collections were cited by Brown (*Galpin* 844, *Rehmann* 4565, *Bolus* 3142, *Burke* 374, *Nelson* 281, *Tyson* 2741, *Herb. Norm. Aust. Afr.* 883, *Gerrard* 46, 1781, *Wood* 1171 and *Sutherland* s.n.), but Burtt Davy considered that only *Galpin* 844 and *Rehmann* 4565 belongs to the species. However, *Galpin* 844 is a mixed collection (Paiva 1998) that includes material of *P. producta* and *P. stenopetala*. The duplicate at Z, the type of *P. asperifolia*, was determined by Paiva (1998) as *P. stenopetala*. Duplicates of *Galpin* 844 are recorded at SAM SAM0029327-0, BOL BOL136753 and NH NH0008728-0. These duplicates could not be examined to confirm their determinations.

*Polygala pseudogarcinii* Chodat (1912: 332)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Western Cape: Riversdale, *Rust* 623 (not located).

Note:—The type could not be located and may have been destroyed.

*Polygala pubiflora* Burchell ex Candolle (1824: 322)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Western Cape: Mossel Bay, *Burchell 6205* (lectotype K000231799! [designated by Paiva 1998: 270 as ‘holo-’], isolectotypes G-DC G00210298!, PRE0261556-0!).

*Polygala pungens* Burchell (1822: 304)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Northern Cape: Buffelsbout, *Burchell 1598* (holotype K000231798!).

*Polygala pygmaea* Gürke in Engler (1895: 234) [=*P. welwitschii* subsp. *pygmaea*]

Type:—Same as *P. welwitschii* subsp. *pygmaea*

Note:—See under *P. welwitschii* subsp. *pygmaea*

*Polygala recognita* Chodat (1893: 428)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Western Cape: Cape Town, *Bolus 2080* (lectotype BOL [designated by Paiva 1998: 271], isolectotype B †). Syntypes: *Schinz 81* (Z); *Mundt s.n.* (B); *Elliot 128* (P).

*Polygala reflexa* Schinz (1908: 634) [=*P. kalaxariensis*]

Type:—NAMIBIA. Hereroland, *Dinter 572* (lectotype Z Z-000019414! **designated here**, isolectotypes Z-000019426!, Z-000019425!).

*Polygala refracta* Candolle (1824: 323)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Eastern Cape: Lange Kloof, near Joubertina, *Burchell 4891* (lectotype K000231795! [designated by Paiva 1998: 267 as ‘holo-’], isolectotypes G-DC G00210262!, PRE0259712-0!).

*Polygala refracta* var. *steudeliana* (Ecklon & Zeyher) Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 89) [=*P. triquetra*]. Basionym: *Polygala steudeliana* Ecklon & Zeyher (1835: 23)

Type:—Same as *P. steudeliana*.

*Polygala rehmannii* Chodat (1893: 362)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Gauteng: Transvaal, Pretoria, Kuduspoort, *Rehmann 4635* (holotype Z-000025266!).

*Polygala rehmannii* var. *parviflora* Chodat (1893: 362) [=*P. producta*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Gauteng: Pretoria, Wonderboompoort, *Rehmann* 4565 (holotype Z†, lectotype BM000566294! [designated by Paiva 1998: 221], isolectotype K000231802!).

Note:—The holotype has not been located at Z. It was considered destroyed Paiva (1998), who designated the specimen held at BM as lectotype.

*Polygala retiefiana* Paiva & Figueiredo in Paiva *et al.* (2013:31)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Free State: Harrismith District, Berg Manyenyeza op die plaas [on the farm] Rensburgskop, 2829AD, 1800 m elev., 17 January 1977, *Jacobsz* 347 (holotype PRE!).

*Polygala rhinostigma* Chodat (1912: 328)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. KwaZulu-Natal: Natal, Umkomazi, *Schlechter* 6700 (holotype Z, isotype GRA0001790-0!).

*Polygala rhinostigma* var. *latialata* Chodat (1912: 329) [=*P. rhinostigma*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Mpumalanga: Transvaal, Drakensberg, *Medley-Wood* 3482 (holotype Z).

*Polygala rhombifolia* Ecklon & Zeyher (1835: 18) [=*P. fruticosa*]

TYPE:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Ecklon & Zeyher* 139 (lectotype W [designated by Paiva 1998: 281], isolectotype M0152999!).

*Polygala rigens* Burchell (1822: 465)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Eastern Cape: Griqualand West, *Burchell* 1821 (holotype K000231794!, isotype G-DC G00210488!).

*Polygala rodrigueana* Paiva (1998: 247)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. KwaZulu-Natal: Natal, *Wood* s.n. (holotype Z-000019407!).

*Polygala scabra* Linnaeus (1753: 703) [=*P. affinis*]

Type:—Not designated, to be designated by Figueiredo *et al.* (in press).

*Polygala schinziana* Chodat (1893: 364)

Type:—NAMIBIA. Amboland, *Schinz* 502 (holotype Z-000083744!).

Note:—The type is cited in the protologue (Chodat 1898) as *Rehmann* 502 (p. 364) and as *Schinz* 502 (page 365). The latter appears to be the correct citation.

*Polygala schlechteri* Schinz (1910: 237) [=*P. spicata*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Transvaal, *Schlechter* 4117 (lectotype BM000564933! [designated by Paiva 1998: 157], isolectotypes FR, HBG508708!, K000231785!, MO-251876!, PRE0255287-0!, W, Z-000019430!).

*Polygala sekhukhuniensis* Retief, S.J.Siebert & A.E.Van Wyk in Siebert *et al.* (2010: 346)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Mpumalanga: Pilgrim's Rest, Thornecliffe Chrome Mine, turn off from Lydenburg-Sekhukhune road, *Van Wyk* 13031 (holotype PRU, isotype PRE!).

*Polygala seminuda* Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 86)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Western Cape: Bushmanland, at Kamos Komsep and Springbokkeel, *Zeyher* 58 (lectotype K [designated by Paiva 1998: 260 as ‘holo-’], isolectotypes BM000843955!, PRE0259825-0!, SAM0029280-0!). Syntype: *Pappe* 30 (TCD0002088!).

*Polygala senensis* Klotzsch in Peters (1862: 113)

Type:—MOZAMBIQUE. Sena, *Peters s.n.* (holotype B†).

*Polygala serpentaria* Ecklon & Zeyher (1835: 24)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Eastern Cape: nr Chumiberg and Beaufort, Kat River, *Ecklon & Zeyher* 181 (lectotype M0152917 [designated by Paiva 1998: 246], isolectotypes MO-357111!, OXF, PRE0255286-0!, SAM0014196-1!, SAM0014196-2).

*Polygala simplex* Burchell ex Candolle (1824: 322) [=*P. virgata* var. *decora*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Burchell* 1933 (holotype K000231775!).

*Polygala spartioides* (Burch. ex DC.) Ecklon & Zeyher (1835: 20) [=*P. virgata*]. Basionym:

*Polygala genistoides* var. *spartioides* Burchell ex Candolle (1824: 323)

Type:—Same as *P. genistoides* var. *spartioides*.

*Polygala speciosa* Sims (1816: tab.1780) [=*P. virgata* var. *speciosa*]

Type:—Same as *P. virgata* var. *speciosa*.

**Polygala sphenoptera** Fresenius (1837: 274)

Type:—ETHIOPIA. between Halei and Tembien, *Rüppell s.n.* (holotype FR0030082!).

**Polygala spicata** Chodat (1893: 221)

Type:—ANGOLA. *Welwitsch 1027* (holotype B†, lectotype LISU [designated by Paiva 1998: 157], isolectotypes BM000564444!, COI00005527!, K000231702!, P00375294!, PRE0265666-0!).

**Polygala stenopetala** Klotzsch in Peters (1861: 114) ‘stenophylla’

Type:—MOZAMBIQUE. Inhambane, *Peters s.n.* (holotype B†, lectotype P [designated by Paiva 1998: 220]).

**Polygala steudeliana** Ecklon & Zeyher (1835: 23) [=*P. triquetra*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Ecklon 648* (lectotype M0153116! [designated by Paiva 1998: 270], isolectotype TCD).

Note:—Two specimens at S, S08-16594 and S08-16595, are possibly duplicates of the lectotype. The collection is often cited as number 180 (the number in the species list).

**Polygala striata** Thunberg (1800: 121)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Thunberg s.n.* (holotype UPS Nr 16250!).

**Polygala subcarnosa** Schinz (1931: 145) [=*P. mossii*]

Type:—NAMIBIA. *Dinter 6372* (holotype Z-000019431!, isotypes BM, BOL136752!, HBG508671!, K000231814!).

**Polygala teretifolia** Linnaeus f. (1782: 316)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Thunberg s.n.* (holotype UPS Nr 16251!, isotypes LD1237884!, S08-16661!).

**Polygala tetragona** Burchell ex Candolle (1824: 322) [=*P. fruticosa*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Burchell 4639* (lectotype K K000231641! designated here, isolectotype G-DC G00210315).

**Polygala thunbergii** Candolle (1824: 333)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Thunberg s.n.* (holotype UPS Nr 16229!).

Note:—A new name for *P. microphylla* Thunb., which was a *nom. illeg.*

*Polygala tomentosa* Thunberg (1800: 120) [=*P. fruticosa*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Thunberg s.n.* (holotype UPS Nr 16256!, isotype S-G-4991!).

*Polygala transvaalensis* Chodat (1893: 374)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Gauteng: Pretoria, Aapies Poort, *Rehmann 4198* (lectotype K000231781![designated by Paiva 1998: 245], isolectotype Z). Syntype: *Rehmann 6348* (Z).

Note:—The two duplicates could not be located at Z.

*Polygala triquetra* Presl (1845: 445)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Drège 7193* (lectotype K000231780! [designated by Paiva 1998: 270 as ‘holo-’], isolectotypes BM, G, PRE0261491-0!, W).

Note:—We could not determine if there is a holotype at PR, which would take precedence over the lectotype.

*Polygala ukambica* Chodat (1893: 329) [=*P. sphenoptera*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. KwaZulu-Natal, Natal, Weenen, *Wood 4433* (**lectotype** NH NH0005028-0! **designated here**, isolectotype G). Syntype: Kenya, *Hildebrandt 2785* (G).

*Polygala ukambica* var. *transvaalensis* Chodat (1893: 329) [=*P. sphenoptera*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Limpopo: Transvaal, Boshveld, Klippan, *Rehmann 5216* (holotype Z-000083749!, isotypes BM, K000231787!, Z-000083748!).

*Polygala ukambica* var. *transvaalensis* forma *angustifolia* Chodat (1893: 330) [=*P. sphenoptera*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Limpopo: Transvaal, Houtbosh, *Rehmann 6346* (holotype Z-000083747!, isolectotypes BM, K000231786!).

*Polygala ukambica* var. *transvaalensis* forma *condensata* Chodat (1893: 330) [=*P. sphenoptera*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Transvaal, Boshveld, Elandsriver, *Rehmann 4943* ['1943'] (**lectotype** K K000231788! **designated here**, isolectotype BM).

***Polygala umbellata*** Linnaeus (1771: 259)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Tulbagh 163* (lectotype LINN 882.13! [designated by Levyns 1955:30]).

***Polygala uncinata*** Meyer ex Meisner (1842: 468)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Eastern Cape: Komgha, banks of Kei River, *Drège s.n.* (lectotype [first-step] K [designated by Paiva 1998: 218], **lectotype** [second step] K000231778! **designated here**).

Note:—Exell (1960: 303) stated that the type of *P. hamata* was the same as that of *P. uncinata*, and that it originated from ‘S. Africa (Port Natal)’. Later Paiva (1998: 218) designated a collection, *Drège s.n.* (K) from ‘Natal, Port Natal’, as lectotype of *P. hamata*. However, all the Drège specimens of both *P. uncinata* and *P. hamata* imaged at JSTOR Global Plants (2013) originate from the Kei River area, and not from Port Natal. In the protologue of *P. hamata*, Burtt Davy (1926: 135) cited the Kei River locality, and he did not record the occurrence of the species in Natal (now KwaZulu-Natal). It is possible that Exell was referring to the collection *Krauss 216* from Port Natal, which is cited in the protologue of *P. uncinata*. Two specimens of *Drège s.n.* exist at K (K000231778 and K000231776). The one registered as K000231778 is here designated as lectotype (second-step lectotype).

***Polygala virgata*** Thunberg (1800: 120)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Cape, *Thunberg s.n.* (holotype UPS Nr 16262!).

*Polygala virgata* var. *cernua* (Thunb.) Chodat (1893: 404) [=***P. virgata***]

Type:—Same as *P. cernua*.

*Polygala virgata* var. *decora* (Sond.) Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 85). Basionym: *Polygala decorata* Sonder (1850: 14)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. KwaZulu-Natal: Port Natal, *Gueinzius 23* (holotype S08-1082!, isotypes S 08-1081!, S-G-4985!).

*Polygala virgata* var. *genistoides* (Poir.) Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 85) [=***P. virgata***].

Basionym: *Polygala genistoides* Poiret in Lamarck (1804: 492)

Type:—Same as *P. genistoides*.

*Polygala virgata* var. *intermedia* Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 85) [=*P. virgata*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Drege* 7211 (lectotype K [designated by Paiva 1998: 249 as ‘holo-’], isolectotypes BM, CGE, E, HBG508728!, OXF, NY00444481!, W)

*Polygala virgata* var. *speciosa* (Sims) Harvey in Harvey & Sonder (1860: 85) pro parte (see Paiva 1998: 250). Basionym: *Polygala speciosa* Sims (1816: tab.1780)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Western Cape: near Cape Town, *Masson* s.n. (lectotype BM000843962! [designated by Paiva 1998: 250]).

*Polygala welwitschii* Chodat (1893: 341)

Type:—ANGOLA. *Welwitsch* 1015 (holotype B†), *Welwitsch* 1008 (neotype BM000564928! [designated by Paiva 2007: 35, wrongly given as ‘1007’], isoneotypes LD, LISU, M0153125!).

Notes:—In the protologue of *Polygala welwitschii*, Chodat (1893: 341) cited only one collection, *Welwitsch* 1015, which he considered as including material of var. *linearifolia* and var. *ovatifolia*, thus the types of these two varieties are both *Welwitsch* 1015 p.p.

Chodat (1893) also cited the same *Welwitsch* 1015 as type of *P. stanleyana* Chodat (1893: 340), but that might have been a mistake for *Welwitsch* 1017, which at BM bears Chodat’s determination as *P. stanleyana*. Exell (1957) considered the holotype of *P. stanleyana* to be *Welwitsch* 1015 (B), which was destroyed during WWII, and he designated *Welwitsch* 1017 (BM) as ‘lectotype’. As noted by Paiva (2007) this is rather a neotype because it is not cited in the protologue.

The duplicates of *Welwitsch* 1015 at B are considered the holotypes of these names (Exell 1957) but none is extant. According to Paiva (1998) four duplicates exist at BM and LISU but only one duplicate is imaged at JSTOR Plant Science (2013).

*Welwitsch* 1015 (BM000564929!) has a handwritten determination by Chodat as *P. welwitschii* var. *ovatifolia* and this specimen is here designated as lectotype. *Welwitsch* 1008 (BM000564928!) was determined by Chodat as *P. welwitschii* var. *linearifolia*. Since var. *linearifolia* is considered a *nom. illeg.* and the correct name is var. *welwitschii*, *Welwitsch* 1008 is the type of the species name. Paiva (2007) designated *Welwitsch* 1008 (BM) as lectotype, but wrongly gave the number as ‘1007’. This is also rather a neotype since Chodat did not refer to that number in the protologue. The same specimen [*Welwitsch* 1008 (BM)] was also designated by Paiva (1998: 189) as the lectotype of *P. arenaria* var. *andongensis* Oliver (1868: 128).

*Polygala welwitschii* var. *linearifolia* Chodat (1893: 341) *nom. illeg.* [=P. *welwitschii*]

Type:—ANGOLA. *Welwitsch* 1015 p.p. (holotype B†, BM?, LISU?).

NOTE:—See under *P. welwitschii*.

*Polygala welwitschii* var. *ovatifolia* Chodat (1893: 341) [=P. *welwitschii*]

Type:—ANGOLA. *Welwitsch* 1015 p.p. (holotype B†, **lectotype** BM000564929! **designated here**, isolectotype LISU?).

Note:—See under *P. welwitschii*.

*Polygala welwitschii* subsp. *pygmaea* (Gürke) Paiva (1998: 189). Basionym: *Polygala pygmaea* Gürke in Engler (1895: 234)

Type:—TANZANIA. Bukoba District, Bukoba, *Stuhlmann* 3763 (holotype B†, **lectotype [second-step]** K K000231716! **designated here**, isolectotypes BM000843854!, K000231717!).

Note:—Although a lectotype was designated by Paiva (1998: 189) as being deposited at K, two duplicates exist in that herbarium and none has a label indicating it as a lectotype. For this reason a lectotype is designated here, from one of the two duplicates (second-step lectotype).

*Polygala westii* Exell (1957: 13)

Type:—ZIMBABWE. Matobo, Westacre Creek, *West* 2702 (holotype BM000564930!, isotype SRGH0106485-0!).

*Polygala wilmsii* Chodat (1912: 329)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Mpumalanga: Transvaal, Lydenburg, *Wilms* 45 (holotype Z, isotypes BM000843858!, E, HBG508727!, K000231771!, M0104305!, P).

*Polygala wilmsii* var. *subcapitata* Chodat (1912: 329) [=P. *wilmsii*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Transvaal, *Schlechter* 4656 (not located).

Note:—The collection *Schlechter* 4656 has not been located.

*Polygala wittebergensis* Compton (1931: 298)

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. Western Cape: Laingsburg, Witteberg, *Compton* 3287 (holotype BOL).

*Polygala woodii* Chodat (1896: 237) ‘woodei’

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. KwaZulu-Natal: Natal, Inanda, *Wood* 197 (lectotype K000231770! [designated by Paiva 1998: 218], isolectotype BM000566296!).

*Polygala xerophytica* Chodat (1912: 329) [=*P. ephedroides*]

Syntypes:—NAMIBIA. *Range* 469 (B†), *Trotha* 142 (B†), *Schultze* 446 (B†), *Range* 674 (B†).

*Polygala zahlbrückneri* Hayek (1900: 45) [=*P. garciniiflora*]

Type:—SOUTH AFRICA. *Penthal* 1482 (holotype W).

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