

***Rubus sellii*, a new name for *R. rubicundiflorus* (Rosaceae)**

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Abstract

A new name, *Rubus sellii* M. Idrees & J.M.H. Shaw, is proposed to replace *R. rubicundiflorus* P.D. Sell (Rosaceae), which is an illegitimate later homonym of *R. × rubicundiflorus* Sudre.

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Introduction

The name *Rubus rubicundus* Purchas (Rosaceae) was validly published by Purchas (1894a), for a bramble collected from hedges between Ashbourne and Osmaston, Derbyshire (Britain), but the name was illegitimate because the specific epithet "*rubicundus*" was already occupied by *R. rubicundus* P.J.Müll. & Wirtg. (1858). Later, Purchas attempted to correct the illegitimate name *R. rubicundus* Purchas (1894: 139), and proposed a new name *R. rubriflorus* Purchas (1894b: 187). Unfortunately, this name was also an illegitimate later homonym of *R. rubriflorus* Kuntze (1879). P.D. Sell (2014) recently published a replacement name *R. rubicundiflorus* P.D. Sell, *nom. nov.*, for the illegitimate name *R. rubriflorus* Purchas (1894). According to Article 53. 1 of the ICN (Turland *et al.*, 2018), it is an illegitimate later homonym of *R. × rubicundiflorus* Sudre [*R. omalus* × *R. furvus*] (1902). A new replacement name, *Rubus sellii* M. Idrees & J. M. H. Shaw, is therefore proposed here. The specific epithet honours the late Peter Derek Sell (1929-2013), formerly Assistant Curator of the Herbarium, Department of Plant Science, University of Cambridge, whose contributions to *A Flora of Cambridgeshire*, *Flora of Great Britain and Ireland* and the *Flora Europaea* project are outstanding and invaluable.

Rubus sellii* M. Idrees & J.M.H. Shaw, *nom. nov.

Replaced synonym: *Rubus rubicundiflorus* P.D. Sell, *Fl. Gr. Brit. Ireland* 2: 519. 2014, *nom. illeg.*, non *R. rubicundiflorus* Sudre, *Excurs. Batol.* 3: 144. 1902; *Rubus rubriflorus* Purchas, *J. Bot.* 32: 187. 1894, *nom. illeg.*, non *R. rubriflorus* Kuntze, *Meth. Sp.-Beschr. Rubus* 102. 1879; *Rubus rubicundus* Purchas, *J. Bot.* 32: 139. 1894, *nom. illeg.*, non *R. rubicundus* P.J.Müll. & Wirtg., *Exsicc. (Herb. Rub. Rhenan.)* 150. 1858.

Type: British Isles, Hedges between Ashbourne and Osmaston, Derbyshire, v.c.57, 1891, W.H. Purchas s.n. (holotype: **BIRM**; not seen).

Vernacular name – Rose-Flowered Bramble

Distribution – Hedges in a district south of Ashbourne, comprising the adjoining parishes of Osmaston, Shirley, Yeaveley, Edlaston, Brailsford and Hulland in Derbyshire, UK.

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