

SHORT COMMUNICATION

## Short notes on *Rubus* L. (Rosaceae): *Rubus megistothyrsos* – a new name for *R. calothyrsus* A. Beek

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### Key words

*Rubus calothyrsus*  
*Rubus megistothyrsos*

**Abstract** – A new name, *Rubus megistothyrsos* A. Beek, has been given to *R. calothyrsus* A. Beek, which is a later homonym of *R. callithyrus* Sudre.

**Samenvatting** – Een nieuwe naam, *Rubus megistothyrsos* A. Beek, wordt gegeven aan *R. calothyrsus* A. Beek (2005: 73), omdat deze een later homoniem van *R. × callithyrus* Sudre (1909: 193) is. Hoewel het epitheton 'calothyrsus' niet exact hetzelfde is, is dit slechts een variatie van het epitheton van Sudre en valt deze onder ICN, art. 53.3.

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The name *Rubus calothyrsus* A. Beek (Van de Beek 2005: 73) was found to be illegitimate. It is so similar to *R. × callithyrus* Sudre (1909: 193) that it has to be rejected under ICN, Art. 53.3. The epithet 'calothyrsus' is just a variation of the more common 'callithyrus' and it has the same meaning. Therefore, a new name must be given:

***Rubus megistothyrsos* A. Beek, nom. nov. pro *R. calothyrsus* A. Beek, Gorteria 31: 73 (2005), non *R. × callithyrus* Sudre, Comptes Rendus des Congrès Sociétés Savantes. Paris (1909) 193.**

Name — The name refers to the often very long inflorescences.

Recognition — Because of its long and leafy inflorescence, *Rubus megistothyrsos* is a typical representative of the series

*Silvatici* (P.J. Müll.) Focke (1914: 391). The species can easily be distinguished from related species by its reddish styles. Young sprouts are deeply coloured by anthocyanin.

Ecology — *Rubus megistothyrsos* has a characteristic biotope: Hedges and bushes along humid grasslands at the foot of the hills in the middle and east of the Netherlands.

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