

LECTOTYPIFICATION OF *RAMONDA SERBICA* PANČ. (GESNERIACEAE)ZBIGNIEW SZELĄG¹ LAJOS SOMLYAY²¹ Institute of Botany, Jagiellonian University
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ABSTRACT

A lectotype of the name *Ramonda serbica* Panč. is designated from Pančič's specimens held in the Hungarian Natural History Museum in Budapest (BP) and illustrated.

KEY WORDS: Balkan Peninsula, Gesneriaceae, *Ramonda*, Tertiary relic, typification.

INTRODUCTION

The European Gesneriaceae are represented by three endemic genera which are considered to be Tertiary relics (Meyer 1970). They are the two monotypic genera *Haberlea* Friv. (Frivaldszky 1835) and *Jankaia* 'Jancaea' Boiss. (Boisser 1875) which occur in the Balkan Peninsula, and *Ramonda* Rich. (Richard 1805) which comprises three species: *R. nathaliae* Panč. et Petrov. and *R. serbica* Panč., which occur in the Balkan Peninsula and *R. myconi* (L.) Rchb. which occurs in the Iberian Peninsula.

The aim of this paper is to lectotypify the name *Ramonda serbica*. It was described from Serbia (Pančič 1874) and also occurs in Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Kosovo, Macedonia and Montenegro (Stevanović et al. 1986a, 1991; Stevanović and Bulić 1992). *Ramonda serbica* has been the subject of many studies concerning its distribution, ecology and syntaxonomy (Janković and Stevanović 1981, Stevanović and Stevanović 1985; Hill 1986; Stevanović 1986; Stevanović et al. 1986b, 1987), but has not been typified to date (cf. Strid 1991; Szelaġ and Somlyay 2009).

While studying at the herbarium of the Hungarian Natural History Museum in Budapest (BP) we unexpectedly found five sheets of *R. serbica* collected by J. Pančič in *Serbia australis*. Three sheets were labeled by J. Pančič himself, and two others were re-labeled by Archbishop L. Haynald and J. Heuffel and included in their herbaria. As the lectotype of the name *R. serbica* we have selected the oldest specimen (BP 301401) originally labeled by J. Pančič as "*Haberlea rhodopensis* Friv." under which name he placed initially the specimens from Mt. Rtanj and Mt. Pleš (Pančič 1856).

TYPIFICATION

Ramonda serbica Panč. '*Ramondia*', Flora Kneževine Srbije: 498. 1874. – Indicatio locotypica: 'na Rtanju u Aleksinačkoj, blizu Zlota u Crnorečkoj i na Plešu u Knjaževačkoj' [on Mt. Rtanj in the Aleksinac district, near Zlot in the Crna reka district and on Mt. Pleš in the Knjaževac district]. – Lectotypus (hoc loco designatus): *Ramondia serbica* Panč. [manu Janka] *Haberlea rhodopensis* Friv. In rupestr. calc. M. Rtanj S.[Serbia] a.[australis] Maj 1847 Pančič (BP 301401) [original label in Pančič's own handwriting supplemented by Janka] (Fig. 1).

Other Pančič's specimens of Ramonda serbica at BP

Ramondia serbica Panč. In rupestr. calc. M. Rtanj Serb. austr., Mai, Pančič (BP 301397 ex herb. Tauscher).

Haberlea rhodopensis Friv. Felsenspalten des M. Rtanj im Aleksinacer Kr., Jun. 847, Pančič [manu Haynald] (BP 301399 ex herb. Haynald).

Ramondia serbica nov. spec. *Haberlea rhodopensis* Panč. Ver. [Verzeichniss (Pančič 1856)] nec. Friv. In pruruptis M. Rtanj Serb. austr. substr. calc., Jun. 870, Pančič [three specimens on the lower half of the sheet BP 301396].

Ramondia Myconi Rchb. Rasen des Berges Rtanj im Alexinacer Kreis, 12.6.847, Pančič [manu Heuffel] [two specimens on the upper half of the same sheet] (BP 301396 ex herb. Heuffel et Haynald).

Ramondia serbica Panč. In rupestr. calc. M. Malinik S. austr., Apr. 869, J. Pančič (BP 301398 ex herb. Bohatsch). [Collection from Mt. Malinik situated in the Lazereva reka canyon in the vicinity of Zlot is not mentioned in the pro-

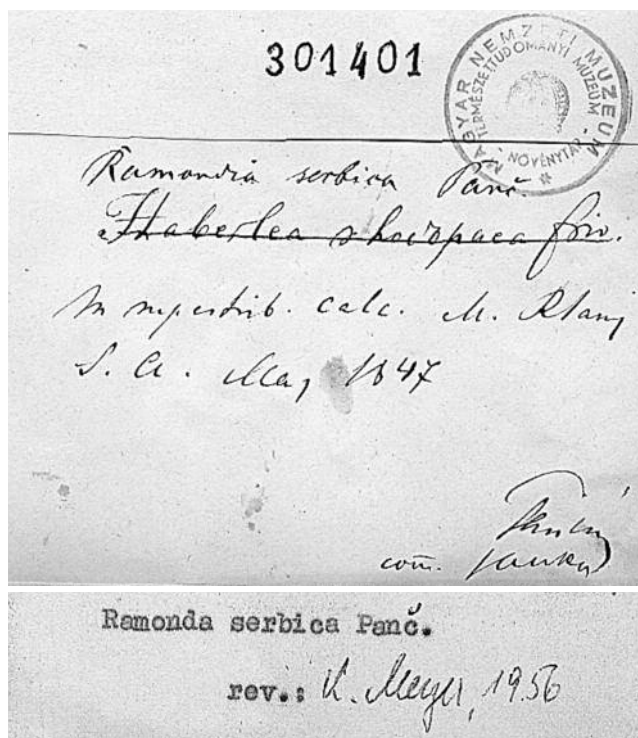
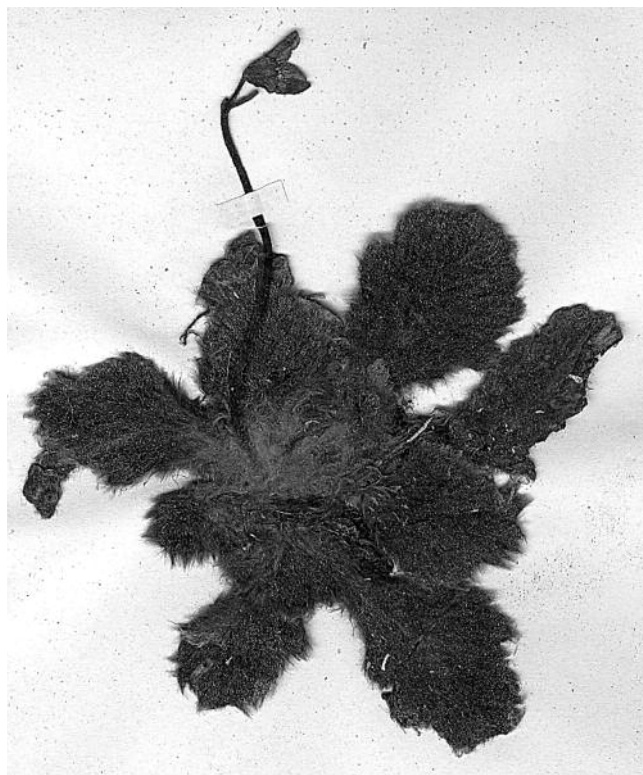


Fig. 1. Details of the lectotype of *Ramonda serbica* Panč.

tologue. According to V. Stevanović (pers. comm.) specimens of *R. serbica* collected by Pančić on Mt. Malinik in 1869 should be considered original material cited in the protologue as ‘blizu Zlota u Crmorečkoj’].

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