

○ヒメコヌカグサの正名は *Agrostis valvata* Steud. である (J. F. フェルドカンプ) J. F. VELDKAMP: *Agrostis valvata* Steud. is the correct name for *Agrostis nipponensis* (Gramineae)

The Rijksherbarium, Leiden, the Netherlands, is in the fortunate possession of some ancient collections of Japanese plants, gathered by Von Siebold, Bürger, Ito Keiske, and others. Many of these were studied by Von Siebold and Miquel and served as the base of early Western knowledge of the Japanese flora. For nomenclatural reasons it is therefore a pity that these important specimens could not always be studied in subsequent revisions dealing with Japanese plants. An example of an unfortunate name-change due to the disadvantage of distance is provided by the following.

For the compilation of his Synopsis Steudel (Synopsis plantarum Graminearum. 171 pp. 1854.) studied the grasses of the Rijksherbarium and a number of new taxa were described by him based on Japanese specimens. During a routine job I recently came across collections by Bürger which were filed as *Agrostis vulvata* Steud. This name turned out to be a clerical error for *Agrostis valvata* Steud. (1854) and the specimens were the types of that name. Unfortunately the latter name had apparently escaped the notice of Honda, as it is not mentioned in his extensive monograph of the Japanese grasses (M. Honda: Monographia Poacearum Japonicarum, Bambusoideis exclusis. J. Fac. Sc. Univ. Tokyo Sect. III., Bot. 3(1): 185-195, 1930), while Ohwi (Flora of Japan 1965) cited it as a synonym of *Agrostis clavata* Trin. Attempts to identify the specimens with both treatments lead to *Agrostis nipponensis* Honda (Revisio Graminum Japoniae XIII. Bot. Mag. Tokyo 41: 380-381. 1927) and comparison of them with other material under that name showed that they were indeed identical. *Agrostis valvata* Steud. is therefore the correct name for the species which until now was known as *Agrostis nipponensis*. Its holotype is 'Bürger s. n., no. 2 *Agrostis* v. *Trichodium* Mich.  $\beta$  var. Hab. in sylvaticis flor. April. Japonia', filed in Leiden under 908. 77-374. Isotypes are numbered 908. 77-166 and -271.

ライデンのハーバリウムで *Agrostis valvata* Steud. (1854) の基準標本が見付かった。大井博士はこの名をヤマスカボの異名とみなされたが、ヒメコヌカグサであることが明らかになったので、これがその正名となる。(Rijksherbarium, Schelpenkade 6, P.O. Box 9514, 2300 RA Leiden, the Netherlands).