

A NOMENCLATURAL CORRECTION IN *CALTHA* (RANUNCULACEAE)

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In a comprehensive treatment of *Caltha*, Petra Smit (Blumea 21: 119—150. 1973) unfortunately chose an incorrect name for her fourth variety under *C. palustris* L. Instead of var. *radicans* (Forst.) Beck, this taxon should be called *C. palustris* var. *flabellifolia* (Pursh) Torrey & Gray (Fl. N. Am. 1: 27. 1838). Forster's *C. radicans* was described in 1807 (Trans. Linn. Soc. 8: 324) and reduced to varietal status by Beck in 1886 (Verh. Zool. Bot. Gesellsch. Wien 36: 350). According to the current *International Code of Botanical Nomenclature*, no name has priority outside of its rank (cf. Art. 60). Inasmuch as *C. palustris* var. *flabellifolia* was the name first established for Smit's variety 'd', as such it has priority over *C. palustris* var. *radicans* (Forst.) Beck by 50 years.