

***Argostemma siamense* Puff, a new name for *A. monophyllum* Sridith (Rubiaceae)**

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ABSTRACT. A new name, *Argostemma siamense*, is provided for *A. monophyllum* Sridith (1999), which is a later homonym of *A. monophyllum* Ridley (1927).

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When publishing *Argostemma monophyllum* Sridith (1999), the author overlooked the earlier epithet monophyllum, which had already been used in the genus by Ridley (1927), making the name used a later homonym. This is formally corrected below.

***Argostemma siamense* Puff, nom. nov.**— *Argostemma monophyllum* Sridith, Nordic J. Bot. 19: 171 (1999) [non *A. monophyllum* Ridl., J. Bot. 65: 27. 1927], *nom. illeg.* Type: Thailand, Loei, Phu Luang, *Phusomsaeng & Bunchuai* 8 (holotype **BKF**; isotype **K**).

Argostemma siamense is one of the most attractive species in the genus, often densely covering stream-side rocks in the Eastern part of Thailand (cf. Puff et al., 2005: plate 3.4.7. C, Puff & Chayamarit, 2006: fig. B). The species belongs to a group of Asiatic *Argostemma* taxa characterized by a reduced stem system with a large, solitary leaf (due to the drastic reduction of one of the leaves of an opposite pair, making it markedly anisophyllous). Species names reflect this condition: *Argostemma monophyllum* Ridl. (India: Assam), *A. unifolium* Benn. (Peninsular Malaysia), *A. unifolioides* King (Peninsular Thailand to Peninsular Malaysia). While largely sharing a similar vegetative morphology, these species differ in floral characters, and *A. monophyllum* Ridley is not identical with *A. siamense* (*A. monophyllum* Sridith).

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